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A-level pass rate climbs to 86%

Scramble for places at universities

By JOHN O'LEARY AND DAVID CHARTER

RECORD A-level pass rates to be announced today will trig-ger an unprecedented scram-ble for places at leading universities and increase pressure on the Government to reform the examinations

More than half of this autumn's 290.000 higher education places had been filled last night, as admissions tu-tors coped with the 15th successive rise in A-level grades. Almost 86 per cent of candidates passed their examinations, with 53.8 per cent achieving grades A to C - the traditional requirement for a iniversity place.
The improvements — in

both cases by about two percentage points over last year - will leave fewer places to be allocated and accelerate the clearing process that gives disappointed applicants a second chance.

Several leading universities saidyesterday that they would have no places in clearing because of improved grades, and officials said that at least one medical school might exceed its quota. Competition for popular courses will be e, and most applicants should have secured places by early next week.

While Oxford and Cambridge never use the clearing process, almost all provincial universities usually have some places available. But Bristol, Durham, Edinburgh and Nottingham said vesterday that they were unlikely to be in clearing this year.

Tony Higgins, chief executhe of the University and Carlege Admissions Service. said: This is the first time that more than half of the places have been filled by this stage, but it is not a crisis. Because more people have got first choice places, there will be fewer people chasing fewer courses in clearing."

Lord Henley, the junior education minister, offered congratulations on the results and urged critics not to equate



What a coincidence -I used to run an A-level

improvement with falling standards. "Parents, teachers and young people themselves must be sick and tired of hearing and reading doom merchants calling into ques-tion the efforts and achievements the results reflect." But Opposition parties called for the number of examining boards to be cut to ensure

consistency in marking. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, was said to be planning to extend the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority's powers to cover A levels - possibly in the Queen's Speech - while discussion continues on the merits of a single examinations council.

Examination boards and teachers' leaders insisted that there was no evidence of standards slipping and the proportion of A grades rose more slowly than other pass rates - by just under half a percentage point to 16 per cent.

Kathleen Tattersall, representing the boards, said it was "the quality of work alone" that determined grades. "We refute entirely that the competition between boards lowers standards and leads to a

higher success rate." But academics and employers' organisations expressed doubts about the impact of

modular A levels. These allow unlimited re-takes of units covering roughly a term's work and students can opt not to register for the final examination if they are likely to fail. The only major study of standards in modular A levels concluded that students gained at least one grade higher than candidates of similar ability on traditional courses, and this year the

retake college, too"

David Triesman, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said that, particularly in mathematics, here was "strong anecdotal evidence of an increasing mismatch between what A-level students achieve and what is needed for university courses". Roger Young, director general of the Institute of Management, said: "Setting a UK record is one thing, but our young people are now competing in a race against a

new courses.

"modular" students' pass rate

was higher in all subjects

where large numbers took the

world-class field." Ruth Lea, policy director of the Institute of Directors, was concerned about the "lack of rigour" in modular exams and the proliferation of "soft" subjects at A level. However, head

described the criticism as poppycock. David Hart of the National Association of Head Teachers said: "The achievements of students and their teachers should not be undermined by those who seem to delight in denigrating their success."

AndSteve Sinnott, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "Students and teachers would appreciate at least one year when their efforts were not undermined by a small, politically motivated group deni-grating their achievements. It is time this nasty little group allowed our young people to

enjoy their success.



British soldiers shot in Cyprus

By Michael Theodoulou in nicosia, and Michael Eyans, defence correspondent

TWO British soldiers serving with the United Nations force in Cyprus were wounded yesterday during renewed clashes between troops from the Turkish-occupied north of the island and Greek Cypriot

The two soldiers from 39 Regiment Royal Artillery suffered gunshot wounds while trying to hold back crowds of protesters at Dherinia, in the in the eastern part of the UN buffer zone.

The unarmed soldiers, who are part of a 370-man British contingent in the UN force. were caught in a hail of bullets as Turkish troops opened fire on the protesters. One Greek Cypriot man was killed and several others were wounded. It was the second death along the island's "Green Line" in four days and one of the worst scenes of violence since Turkey invaded the island's northern territory in

One of the British peacekeepers was shot in the lower A-level results, pages 8 and 9 | back while the other was hit in

the arm. The Ministry of Defence in London said their injuries were "not life-threat-ening". The Foreign Office condemned the violence which, it said, reinforced the urgent need for a political settlement in Cyprus.

The shooting began when



A protester shins up the Turkish flagpole

Greek Cypriot protesters forced their way into the buffer zone soon after the funeral of Tassos Isaac, a young Greek Cypriot man, who was battered to death by a mob from the Turkish-held sector in a demonstration on Sunday.

More than 200 among the thousands of mourners who attended the funeral broke past a Greek Cypriot police cordon to breach the buffer zone. One man climbed a flagpole

and tried to remove a Turkish Cypriot flag. Turkish troops opened fire, fatally wounding the man, Solomos Solomou, in the neck

A UN spokesman said: There was one hell of a lot of bullets flying from behind the Turkish ceasefire line, with our men in the line of fire. We consider this a disproportion-ate action to the Greek Cypriot provocation."

The spokesman said representations would be made to the Turkish Army at the highest level.

Murder by mail order brings new calls for guns ban

PRESSURE for a ban on the private ownership of handguns intensified yesterday after a man who bought a semi-automatic pistol through the post was jailed for murder. Richard Humphrey, who killed a woman returning home from church and shot three other people, bought the pistol and ammunition legally from a dealer through the classified columns of a gun magazine after duping another reader into sending him

his firearms certificate. The Recorder of London, Sir Lawrence Verney, said it was deplorable that Humphrey had been able to obtain his weapons in that way and suggested that the law should be changed, saying: Those who have to make decisions will perhaps make note that it was a .22 which caused the

damage in this case." The Police Federation also renewed its call for a ban, saying the case exposed a loophole in the law. "A whole-sale prohibition of handguns is the solution," the chairman, Fred Broughton, said.

The case comes hard on the heels of the Commons Home Affairs Committee's recommendation that an outright ban on handguns was not necessary, in spite of pleas from the families of the Dunblane victims and huge

public petitions. The Government has said that it will await the outcome of Lord Cullen's inquiry into the Dunblane massacre before making a decision, but Alan Beith of the Liberal Democrats said yesterday: "Supplying guns by mail order is one of the terrifying weaknesses of the current gun control sys-tem. The whole system needs a

complete overhaul." John Prescott, the Labour deputy leader, also repeated his call for handguns to be banned from the home.

Guns by post, page 3

Vicar case arrest

Terry Storey, wanted in connection with the killing of Liverpool vicar Christopher Gray, was arrested at a flat Ministry's risks, page 5

Lord Runcie, page 16 Drop in jobless

The Government has hailed figures showing that unem-loyment has fallen to its



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Big Mac windfall for Tories | Dole is poised to play

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

ties over the proposed sale of his local Tory headquarters to McDonald's deepened last night when it was disclosed that Conservative Central Office will benefit by up to £100,000 from the proceeds. The Defence Secretary has connections with the fast-food chain, one of Britain's biggest private employers. He is a close friend of Geoffrey Tuck-

MICHAEL Portillo's difficul-

er, 71. McDonald's political consultant. An approach was made to McDonald's, from within Mr Portillo's Enfield Southgate

Conservative Association, to buy the Edwardian building. McDonald's offered £325,000, £100,000 more than rival bids. Officials close to Conservative Central Office made clear last night that the party high command would benefit. "A

donation in the form of a loan

of up to £100,000 will be made

to Central Office from the

proceeds," said one.

If the bid goes through, at least £100,000 will be left when the local party buys a new headquarters. "It will be made available to Central Office in the form of a loan

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which we can be repaid to the local party at any moment." The revelation will heighten fears among Mr Portillo's constituents that the McDonald's offer is effectively a political donation. Many loyal Tory activists have vowed not to vote for Mr Portillo again unless he decides to oppose the bid. Mr Portillo has declined because it could breach Cabinet collective responsibility as the bid is likely to go to an appeal ruling by

the Environment Secretary.

the Colin Powell card

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

preparing to receive the Re-publican Party nomination he first sought 16 years ago. As he did so, speculation grew that he might ask Colin Powell to be his Secretary of State.

Dole aides at the party convention here were actively exploring ways to improve their candidate's chances of defeating President Clinton in November by drawing the retired general deeper into the campaign. One possibility is Constituency row. page 2 | that Mr Dole will offer Gener-

BOB DOLE was last night al Powell the State Department job in his administration. If the general accepts, Mr Dole might take the unprecedented step of announcing it

> A nightly poll yesterday put Mr Dole 12 points behind Mr Clinton. That gap has barely changed during the first two days of the convention but Mr Dole hopes for another big boost tonight when he formally accepts the nomination.

> > Powell factor, page 12

Rival slipped Valium to Chizzy the chihuahua

ARTS

By EMMA WILKINS

A WOMAN who gave a prize chihuahua a Valium tablet shortly before it was due to compete in a top dog show was banned from the Kennel Club for five years yesterday.

The pill left Chizzy, a 14-month-old long-haired bitch, incapable of standing or even wagging her tail, her owner Tracey Dyke told the club's disciplin-

It had been given to Chizzy by Carol Brampion, a dog owner from Faversham, Kent, at the Northern Counties Championship show last

Mrs Brampton, who denied giving the dog Vallum and said the tablet was a homeopathic remedy, had behaved "discreditably and prejudicially" to the interests of the carnine world, the Kennel Club's disciplinary committee ruled after a hearing in London.

She was suspended for five years how Mrs Brampton smiled as she from all Kennel Club shows and events and ordered to pay £209 costs. The hearing had heard allegations of

jealousy and intrigue that would have put a medieval court to shame. Mrs Brampton claimed the allegations were made out of jealousy over her 20 years of success in showing chihuahuas.

Mrs Dyke, of Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, cried when she told

administered the 0.5 milligram tablet. Chizzy, whose full name is Deltrame Secret Showburst, became lethargic and fell into a stupor at the show in Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire, where Mrs Brampton's chihuahua was also

competing.

After the hearing, Mrs Dyke said:
"This will rock the dog world. This sort of thing should not happen and drugs should not be used on dogs."

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Trust chairman forced out by doctors' resignation

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE chairman of a hospital trust was forced out of his job yesterday after 16 of his leading consultants

Peter Allen, 61, a former senior manager with British Steel, agreed to relinquish his post to end one of the most dramatic trials of strength between doctors and managers since the National Health Service internal market was created. The resignation will be seen throughout the health service as a victory for the white coats over the grey suits. However, it was unclear whether

his head would be enough to satisfy 60 consultants at a leading hospital who had already passed votes of no confidence in Mr Allen and Tony Beddow, his chief executive.

Gwilym Jones, the Minister for Health in Wales, said the chairman had taken the right decision to leave his £19,285-a-year post, which involved 312 days work per week. The chairman stood down within hours of some of the leading clinicians in Wales penning individual letters of resignation to the trust.

The dispute began when the Morriston Hospital NHS Trust in Swansea tried to make three doctors and 13 medical staff redundant

without warning last week. The trust was facing a cash crisis after the local health authority transferred a £1.6 million contract for elderly people's care to another hospital in the area. Its budget was said to be E3 million in the red.

The stand-off threatened to affect patients unless a solution could be found quickly. The consultants had resigned from their duties as clinical directors in specialties ranging from accident and emergency to urology. Their mass resignation was seen as unprecedented in the health service.

They were prepared to continue to care for patients, but refused to have any more input into the management of their hospital, the administration of their departments and the preparation of contracts. That would have made the internal market unworkable.

The vote of no-confidence in the two men came after a three-hour meeting of 60 consultants. There were no dissenting voices.

The trust's board responded by issuing a unanimous declaration of confidence in both of them. Mr Beddow is regarded, even by his opponents, as a devoted and committed servant of the NHS with a long history as a backroom man involved in planning. But his direct manner can be seen as abrasive and

confrontational. Mr Jones said: "I have been saddened at this whole episode. I recognise that the board has faced difficult decisions but the root of the problem appears to have been a failure of communications between themselves and key staff at

the hospital. "The major issue is that all staff need to feel that they have an opportunity to influence decisions that affect their careers and health care for patients."

The decision is a morale boost for the British Medical Association. which backed the consultants. Bob Broughton, its Welsh secretary. said: "The situation can only be

mended by a change of manage-ment. This is the gravest crisis facing the NHS in Wales in modern

history Mr Beddow said yesterday: "I want to bridge the gap with the consultants. The challenge now is to find ways of cutting the 13 million in other ways."

The hospital consultants were last night still hoping to force the chief executive to resign. Dr Broughton said that the vote of no confidence in Mr Beddow still

The proposed redundancies of 16 staff were withdrawn at the board meeting earlier this week.

NEWS IN BRIEF **Employers** say postal strike is collapsing

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No pay 10

About 18,000 postal workers ignored their union and reported for work during the fifth national postal strike yesterday, according to Royal Mail. It said the return to work was growing and called a again on the Communication Workers Union to ballot members on a pay and conditions deal agreed at Acas.

A CWU spokesman maintained that the strike was strong in most areas of the country. The next stoppage is scheduled for next Thursday.

Pay protest

The pensioner who received an angry rebuke from her Tory MP for writing to complain about MPs' payrises yesterday attacked Labour for leaking the letter. Dame Angela Rumbold had told Hilary Pentecost. 76, that the was fed up with protests she was fed up with protests about her 26 per cent pay rise.

Concrete attack

A concrete block was thrown through the window of an SDLP councillor's house in Belfast after he had condemned IRA punishment beatings on television the night before. Hugh Lewsley, who was beaten in a suspected IRA attack last year, narrowly escaped injury.

Beef sold as lamb

The Government was urged to carry out a survey of meat products after the disclosure that at least two supermar-kets could be facing prosecu-tion for selling beef as lamb. Trading standards officers suspect retailers have been including beef in lamb mince since the BSE scare.

Doctor may quit

Mandy Allwood, who is pronant with eight foctuses, was told yesterday she would have to choose between her doctor and a newspaper deal. Professor Kypros Nicolaides said he was no longer prepared to manage her pregnancy "under the spotlight of international publicity".

Hunt continues

Five French detectives are due to arrive in Britain today to pursue their investigation into the case of Caroline ton in Corowall, who was raped and murdered in a Brittany youth hostel on July 18 while on a school trip with Launceston College.

Islands for sale

A chain of private islands off the northwest coast of Scotland has been put on the market. The Ascrib Islands, about two miles off the north of the Isle of Skye, are expected to fetch more than 1200,000 These are resistant. £200,000. There are six main islands in the chain, totalling around 146 acres.

Woman named



death in Manchester after a night out with friends was night our with triends was named yesterday as Rachel Thacker, 22. Miss Thacker, ahove, from Chasetown, Staf-fordshire, was due to stark, her first job caring for the elderly at a hospital in West Bromwich today.

"The association is not listening to the members"

Voters desert Portillo over 'Burgergate' claims

MICHAEL PORTILLO, who is facing a revolt by previously Tory-voting constituents over plans to turn the local Conservative association headquarters into a McDonalds restaurant, is a close friend of the company's polit-

Geoffrey Tucker, 71, who was director of communications at Conservative Central Office during the Heath government, has been employed as a lobbyist for years to promote the McDonald's

cause in Whitehail. Many lifelong Tories in Mr Portillo's Enfield Southgate constituency predicted yester-day that the MP, who has a 15,563 majority, could lose his seat over his refusal to oppose the company's application for planning permission for the drive through restaurant.

Residents' suspicions that the McDonald's bid, £100,000 higher than the rival offers, was effectively a political don-ation will be fuelled by the revelation that local party chiefs proceeds of the sale to Central Office.

Mr Portillo, the Defence Secretary, was heckled at a packed public meeting on Tuesday night when he made clear that as a Cabinet minister he could not take sides because the planning decision could go to appeal and be

By Andrew Pierce, Joanna Bale and James Landale

adjudicated by the Environment Secretary. "We are then bound by collective responsibility," he told The Times. Mr Portillo was pictured

last year on the other side of the counter at an existing McDonald's in Southgate, complete with uniform. McDonald's has intimated

to the local Conservative association that it expects the application to be rejected by the local authority but to win on appeal. Efforts to win any appeal have begun.

The company's formidable lobbying operation is already

under way. The company has impeccable contacts. Sir Bernard Ingham, Baroness Thatcher's former press secretary, is a non-executive director of McDonald's. Mike Love, the company's director of communications, was the former Prime Minister's agent when she was MP for Finchley. Mr Love and Lady Thatcher are still close.

Mr Tucker, the architect of the Tories' 1970 general elec-tion victory, has done most to smooth the path to the top of the political ladder for Mc-Donald's. Mr Portillo and his wife Carolyn have stayed at Mr Tucker's villa in Lucca, Italy. Mr Portillo, William Waldegrave, and Douglas Hurd, were guests at his 70th

birthday party at Brooks's. A Modonald's spokeswoman said: "Mr Tucker helps to arrange political dinners with ministers and MPs from all parties. We have no political affiliations. Mr Tucker also

gives us political advice." In February, the company for the first time hired a firm of political consultants. The Communication Group, which has strong links to the Labour Party. A rival lobbyist said: "One suspects they decided to hire [the firm] now to prepare for life under a Lab-

our government. It is a very politically astute company." Few residents in the north London suburb doubted that McDonald's would triumph again. They blamed Mr Portillo. Eileen Fowler, 76, a Tory party member who lives opposite the double-fronted Victorian Conservative Association headquarters, said: "I will never vote for Portillo again if

he allows this to go ahead."

Mrs Fowler added: "We've been let down very badly. The association is selling to the highest bidder without listening to the ordinary members like me, and Portillo says it is nothing to do with him. It's outrageous."

Her sister, Gwen Gilbertson, 78. who lives nearby. added: "My husband has written to Portillo, along with hundreds of others, but he refuses to take sides. How can he expect us to vote for him

when he acts like this?"

Reg Bird, 87, an association member, said: "Most at that meeting were Conservative voters like me, yet they were booing and heckling him. Portillo quite honestly is a twit. He just tried to hide

behind everything." In the entrance hall of the Conservative association is a letter to members from Lionel Zetter, the chairman, apologising for the fact that the first many of them heard about the £325,000 sale was through local newspapers, after Mc-Donald's issued an unauthorised" press release.

A spokeswoman for the association said yesterday: This is a big old house which is being under-used and is expensive to maintain. People who give money to the party want it to go on campaigning, not on repair bills." McDonald's will fight all

the way. It took 13 years to overcome the objections of Hampstead residents to its plans but the company won. In Leicester last year, having suffered the indignity of losing a planning appeal, Mc-Donald's took the case to the

High Court and won. Few local authorities can resist the approach, known as a "carrot and stick" strategy. Local authorities are threatened with a long and costly appeal if planning permission



Michael Portillo at a McDonald's in his Enfield Southgate constituency in 1994

is refused. Most cash-strapped town halls, informed by QCs that McDonald's always wins. duck the fight early on.

The lobbying is formidable. The company offers hundreds of jobs for unskilled workers. Its commitment to local communities is reinforced through charitable activities. Scope

Communications Management, whose advisers in the past have included the Tory MP Simon Burns, advises on

the charity programme.

Free sports equipment is donated to youth groups, coffee mornings are arranged up for pensioners, and business forums set up for local companies. Opponents have la-belled the tactics "bribes to the

community".
Occasionally, the operation comes unstuck. Last year. plans for a 190-seat "drivethrough" restaurant in Finchley were rejected by Barnet council. For once it did not

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into 'satanic' Tory image of Blair

By Andrew Pierce

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched by the Adver-tising Standards Authority into a Tory advertisement that depicted Tony Blair with a wide grin and red eyes.

The advertisement was described as a "satanic" image by the Bishop of Oxford. Political advertisements are not governed by the same rules as commercial prod-ucts. The Conservative Party. however, may have breached the industry code which says that advertisers who have not obtained prior permission from high-profile figures have a duty to ensure that

they are not portrayed in an "offensive or adverse" way.

An ASA spokesman said: "We have a duty to investigate. We have had a number of complaints." If the complaint is upheld the ASA can compel the Tories to with-

draw the advertisement. Peter Mandelson, head of Labour's election planning unit, said: "I hope that everyone who is offended by this grotesque image will register their objection with the ASA."

ASA inquiry Security guards may be vetted under new rules

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

THOUSANDS of private guards face vetting under Home Office proposals to clean up the security industry. Under plans launched yesterday an independent agency would check whether a guard had a criminal record and would keep a register of applicants. If they had convictions the agency would refuse them clearance to work.

New legislation would make it an offence to employ a guard who had not been given clearance and it would be an offence for anyone to work as a guard without first being

scrutinised by the agency.

The agency and its operations would be self-financing and could cost at least £1 million a year. Employees or companies would pay for the clearance checks. Home Office officials believe at least 49,000 guards would be covered by the proposals now being considered by the security indus-

try's leaders and police. The proposals follow a report last year from the Com-mons select committee on Home Affairs which called for try including the licensing of guards. The MPs heard evidence from police that up to 2,600 crimes are committed each year by guards. In one company, 11 out of 26 employees had previous convictions ranging from rape to assault.

Announcing the proposals yesterday, David Maclean, a Home Office minister, said most areas of the security industry were covered by effective self-regulation. But he said the public was worried about contract security

guards.

The Association of Chief Police Officers and the Police Superintendents' Association welcomed the proposals.

Tony Makosinski, of the

British Security Industries Association, said: "We are happy, this takes us in the right direction. It doesn't go far enough but it's a good

Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, a campaigner for tighter controls said: This is a feeble, limited and panicky reaction to the growing demand for regula-tion of the industry."



RAF flies blindly into the future

By MICHAEL EVANS

RAF bomber pilots of the future may have to learn to fly "blind", sitting in a closed cockpit and relying on sensors to judge where they are going. The scrapping of the tradi-tional perspex cockpit is one of a number of concepts being studied by RAF experts who have been asked to produce ideas for a bomber to replace the Tornado GR4 by 2015. The "hard cover" option has been included because of the threat

of laser weapons that could blind pilots.

More than 140 Tornado GR4s are currently being updated with new weapon systems, pilot displays and avionics, all of which should be in service by 2002. How-ever. by 2015 the Tornado



A BAe impression of the Future Offensive Aircraft

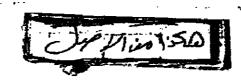
airframe will have flown more than double the hours origi-nally anticipated — 9,000 in-stead of 4,000 — and the RAF said yesterday work needed to start now on a replacement.

ing at a rapid rate, the RAF experts have a list of replacement options that include flying unmanned aircraft and using VCIO-size planes to using VCIO-size planes to launch long-range missiles.
With technologies advanc-

vinced the day of the un-manned combat aircraft has not yet arrived and that the Future Offensive Aircraft, as it is known, will be flown by air

Even so, one of the concepts to be examined is for un-manned air vehicles (UAVs). or remotely piloted aircraft, to be used as bomb carriers. Existing UAVs, like the Israeli battlefield drones, are used for reconnaissance.

RAF sources said yesterday they did not believe the techtoology for arming UAVs with a payload of bombs would be ready in time to replace the Tornado GR4. Other unmanned aircraft could be "flown" remotely from a distance by a pilot sitting in an Awacs command and control



Mugger turned into a murderer after buying pistols through small ads in a magazine

Killer made mother kneel then shot her in the head

By Lin Jenkins

A MUGGER who turned into a compulsive killer after buying guns by mail order was given four life sentences yesterday for murdering a woman and trying to kill three

chard Humphrey, who was armed with a 22 semiautomatic pistol that had been delivered to his home, also committed two robberies and firearms offences in the space of four months last year. Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, referred during sentencing to coverage of the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee's refusal to ban guns: "This is something of great public concern and those who have to make decisions will perhaps take note that it was a .22 which caused the damage in this case. That you were able to obtain the pistol and ammunition is deplorable."

Humphrey, 22 of Brixton, south London, murdered Victor, Odususi, 36, wife of a Nigerian airline official, for no apparent reason as she reapparent leason as since the number of two, was made to kneel and was shot in the back of the head.

The judge said: "The murder was against a woman who was a complete stranger, a lady of whom everybody spoke well. It was a wanton and cruel killing and has caused immense grief."

Wing Commander Peter Drissell, 40, was shot seven times when Humphrey and an accomplice, Paul Ammah, tried to mug him. The officer was hurrying from the Ministry of Defence to his home in Claphma so that he could watch his favourite television programme. Absolutely

He allowed Humphrey and Amagin to search him to verify his claim that he had no money. As they did so Carol Bell, 32, a betting-shop cashier, who was pregnant at the time, demanded that they



Wing Commander Peter Drissel and his wife



The murder of Victoria Odususi was wanton and cruel. said the Recorder of London, Sir Lawrence Verney

leave him alone. "He calmly pointed the gun at me and fired," she told the Old Bailey. "I heard the bang. I put my hand down and he fired at me again. I could not believe what was happening."

The bullets missed. In the split second that Humphrey was distracted. Wing Com-

mander Drissell, who is 6ft 5in, threw himself at the gunman. He was shot at close range and left for dead. His doctor said that he survived only because his muscle bulk was considerably greater than average. Four of the bullets remain in his body. Wing Commander Drissell

to try to take the gun from him. I got near enough to touch the gun, but he pulled away and left me somewhat vulnerable. I was standing there having missed the gun. I crouched and, basically, he

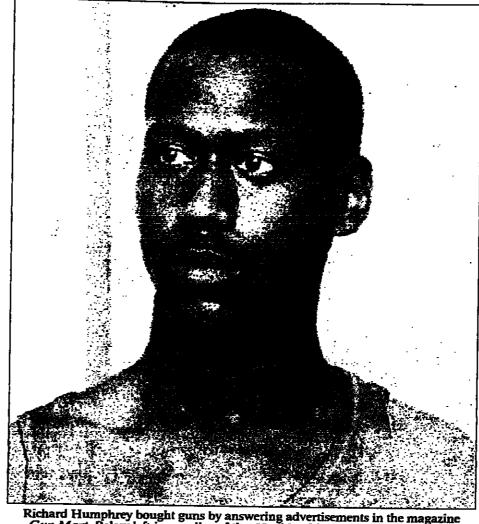
"The first two shots hit me in the forearm. One of them went into my body, passing through my wallet and into my chest. Other shots followed and it seemed to be happening in slow motion. It seemed to go on for a long time.'

Michael Perry, a disc jockey at Caribbean Raves, was shot in the wrist. The bullet de-flected off a gold bracelet into his arm when Humphrey accused him of "eyeballing" him on Stockwell Tube station. On April 11 last year Humphrey fired a shot into the ground beside Mark Rogers as he was selling clothes in Brixton.

As the jury returned its verdicts on the third day of deliberations. Humphrey stared at them and shouted, "Senseless racist bastards." Ammah, 22, of Clapham, was jailed for six years for robbery and for possessing a weapon with intent to endanger life.

Alan Newman, QC, for Humphrey, had pleaded that he not be made a scapegoat "for the failure of society to regulate its affairs by making it much harder for people such as Richard Humphrey to obrain guns". He added: "If guns could not be traded simply by putting personal ads in magazines like Gun Mart, Mr Humphrey would never have obtained the weapons which were used in his trail of destruction.'

He was a mugger and robber who moved up a league when he found how easy it was to buy guns through the small advertisements in Gun Mart. He answered an advertisement from John Anderson in Chelmsford, who wanted to buy a pistol. Tricked into thinking Humphrey had one



Richard Humphrey bought guns by answering advertisements in the magazine Gun Mart. Below left is a replica of the .22 with which he shot Mrs Odususi



for sale, Mr Anderson sent off his firearms certificate in compliance with the rules.

Using Mr Anderson's certificate, Humphrey bought guns and ammunition for £230 from Malcolm Ridgeway in Somerset, who dispatched them by courier. When Mr Ridgeway discovered the deceit, he alerted the police. They



phrey had signed for the weapons. There was no trace of him or the guns, save for a hole in the bedroom wall

where one had been fired. A 10-year-old boy who helped to trap Humphrey was given a £100 reward by the udge. He commended William Taffe, who saw Hum-

phrey as he shot Wing Commander Drissell and appeared as a wimess.

William rang the police and picked up the shells from Humphrey's pistol. "He was an entirely self-possessed boy and gave valuable evidence in a mature manner," the judge said. The money will be taken out of public funds.

Boys saw friend, 11, savaged to death

By A STAFF REPORTER

TWO schoolboys told an in-quest jury yesterday how they watched Rottweiler dogs savage an Il-year-old friend to death. Anthony Pickup, 13, and Mark Farran, 10, said three big black dogs" tore David Kearney apart on the

night before Christmas Eve. David, from Darwen in Lancashire, died 10 days later from his injuries. He had been carol singing with five friends when he climbed into a yard in an attempt to hide from a friend "bugging" him. Police said there were no

signs warning people to beware of the dogs and likened them to a "pack of lions" that gave David no chance. Kevin Tierney, the dogs' owner, told the inquest he had thought his oft fence was adequate. He never thought the dogs could be killers.

Anthony told the inquest at Blackburn Town Hall that he and Mark had managed to scramble back over the fence when the dogs came running, then watched through a gap as they savaged their friend. The dogs jumped on him. One ran and got him and David was trying to shake him off. Then the other two followed and got him and pushed him on to the floor."

In a statement read by police, Mark Farran had said: "I could see David lying on the ground with three dogs biting his legs. They ripped his shoes and clothes off."

Two of Mr Tierney's four dogs. Jet and George, were destroyed after the attack at his own request, but he insisted the other two had been inside the house at the time. Graham Gabbot, the vet who put the dogs down, said: "I suggested that the socially responsible thing to do would be to have all the dogs destroyed, but the owner was unwilling and would only give permission for two.

In his often tearful testimony, Mr Tierney said he thought he had done everything possible to prevent such

'Once caring' Cunard Top referee

ordered to pay refund BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

CUNARD, a name synonymous with genteel sea travel, was criticised for abusing its

power yesterday by refusing to refund a disabled pensioner turned away from a cruise. Judge Matthewman, QC, condemned the "mealy-mouthed" attitude that had led to June Tomlinson, 62, who is wheelchair-bound, and her hus and ending the El.266

cruise on the Cunard Princess only five hours after boarding. The judge told Nottingham County Court that it was plain Cunard, which has endured a series of embarrassments in recent years, had been "less than helpful" to the couple and

had abused its power by refusing a refund. "I'm afraid Cunard, a once great and caring company, tried to use its contractual power and muscle to prevent a perfectly honest and decent woman who happened to be disabled and in a wheelchair from getting what she is

entitled to," he said. Mrs Tomlinson, 62, was born with spastic diaplegia. She had declared on her booking form that she was in a wheelchair but said that she could take a few steps. When she arrived to board the ship in Malaga, however, her legs had swollen during the long journey and a doctor on board de. Fred her unfit to travel.

Giving evidence, her husband Arthur said crew members had told them that if they stayed on board they would have to remain in their cabin for the two-week cruise around the Canary Islands. "I said, 'If that's it, then we're getting off. We didn't spend all that money to stop in the cabin." Cunard said that the couple were not entitled to a

Tomlinson's condition had deteriorated greatly and she had made clear the extent of her disability.

The brochure says that the ship is not designed for disabled passengers and that they may find their enjoyment curtailed. Judge Matthewman said: "This seems to be one of the most mealy-mouthed warnings made by a supposedly caring company it is possible to find." He added that Cunard's directors and medical staff might like to rethink their policy on dis-

abled people. The judge ruled that the couple had complied with the terms of their contract and ordered Cunard to refund the fare with interest, and to pay

their legal fees. After the hearing Mrs Tomlinson, of Bestwood Park,

Nottinghamshire, said they because Mrs had not expected to win the case. "I came to court with the attitude that I wasn't going to win it. I'm just getting over the shock."

Cunard has had a series of debacles in recent years. One liner was holed in the Red Sea and another cruise ended when the ship had to be towed to the Philippines. The company had to pay £7.5 million compensation to passengers on the QE2's first cruise after its refit in 1994, because the work had not been completed.

A spokesman for Cunard offered apologies to the Tomlinsons. "Our concerns were always for her safety throughout the cruise. We will review the way in which we deal with future passenger refunds."

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being told that they must stay in their cabin

guilty of sex assault

ONE of England's most experienced football referees was convicted yesterday of indecently assaulting a young man. A year ago he was convicted of theft and bur-

Last October Michael Peck, 50, a father of two and the Football League's former director of refereeing, escaped with a 200-hour community service order after Carlisle Crown Court was told how he stole from a string of hotel rooms as he toured the country from match to match. He had admitted four counts of burglary and two of theft but asked for 70 more offences to be taken into consideration.

The hearing last year was told the burglaries and thefts were connected to unspecified personal problems he had been facing.

Yesterday magistrates at Kendal in Cumbria were told how Peck met a 24-year-old man in a Kendal pub on April 14 this year, invited him back to his house, where he pushed pushed him onto a couch.

Richard Henderson, for the prosecution, said the assault happened after Peck and the other man had met for "a few drinks in the Ring O'Bells pub, where they mainly discussed football. But afterwards they drove to Peck's home, stopping at an offlicence to buy a bottle of wine and to rent a video. The young man had said that once in Peck's home the two talked about football but then Peck changed the conversation to fashion and sex.

Peck, who was defending himself, denied the charge. He said the allegation was "but a figment of imagination". Sentencing was adjourned until September 2.

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Alien kidnappings 'are all a dream'

PEOPLE who believe they have been kidnapped by aliens have simply been dreaming a leading researcher into the paranormal said yesterday. However real the experience might have seemed — and it may have involved space travel or sexual encounters of an especially close kind - it is most likely to have been caused by borderline sleep, according to Dr Susan Blackmore, Dr Blackmore, of the Univ-

Bristol, has identified "sleep paralysis" as the likely culprit for most alien kidnap experiences. Although only a few people report alien encounters, she has found that sleep paralysis is a common experience, shared by up to three out of ten people.

The dreamer hears strange noises, sees flashing lights or stars and senses shaking or juddering. Some feel they have been turned in their

ersity of the West of England, beds, while others report sexual encounters.

"It happens to perfectly normal people," Dr Blackmore says. "It can be confusing and distressing. The next line of my research is to try to find a scientific explanation for what is happening

physiologically." Dr Blackmore says that many cultures have myths based on the phenomenon of sleep paralysis: In medieval Britain "night demons" se-

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duced innocent people. In Newfoundland there are tales of an "old hag" night visitor and in Vietnam it is a 'grey ghost".

'Nowadays people are more likely to report that a four-foot tall alien with big, slanty black eyes took them from their room at night and whisked them off in a space ship where they were operated on, or sexually manipulated, and returned to bed with an hour or two," she said.



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Parents pay tribute to 'extraordinary' son as clergy urge greater protection in inner cities

Murdered vicar accepted risks of urban ministry

THE parents of the Rev Christopher Gray, the gifted Church of England vicar who was stabbed to death outside his vicarage in Liverpool, spoke movingly yesterday of how he had given himself to

Or Philip Gray, 63, and his wife, Margaret, 64, from Gosport, Hampshire, had been on holiday in Northumberland when they heard of their son's death. They identified his body yesterday. Dr Gray said he knew that his son had been involved in

work which carried risk. "It is a measure of his character that he was to shield us from the full knowledge of the risks was taking," he said during a news conference with his wife. "There was nothing we could do to lessen them in any way. He had chosen to accept those risks and we therefore had to accept his risks."

His wife spoke only once, saying: "He was an extraordinary son and I adored him."

Mr Gray, 32, who was described by the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, as one of the most able priests of his gener-



Christopher Gray: held hostage in previous job

ation, was stabbed to death outside his vicarage next to St Margaret's Church, Anfield. He had been seen talking to a man outside the vicarage

shortly before the attack. It was disclosed yesterday that Mr Gray, who became the vicar of St Margaret's 18 months ago, had been burgled and held hostage two years ago by a man in another Liverpool parish. The attack, when Mr Gray was a curate, is understood to have come as he was counselling a young

for 18 months.

Dr Gray, who spoke calmly and compassionately about his son, said that he would be dreadfully missed. He said that he was different things to different people: to his parishioners he was a well-loved priest and to the academic community he was a scholar of high repute.

He did not blame any organisation or place for his son's death. I think he probably felt that the city lof Liverpooll had great deprivation and there were many needs in the city, some of which he felt he could cater to. "He was very happy in

Liverpool, he liked the people, the diocese. The jobs he did were jobs that were not immediately attractive. There were risks to his property, to his life. He cheerfully accepted these." Police were questioning a 31-

year-old man yesterday in connection with the murder. Terence Storey, from Liverpool, was arrested in Newtonle-Willows. Merseyside, after a tip-off. A man and a woman were also arrested.

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Philip and Margaret Gray yesterday. "He was an extraordinary son and I adored him," his mother said

Call for personal alarms after second attack

CLERGY demanded last night that women priests be given personal alarms to protect them against violent attack and urged a review of

security for all priests.

The call followed news of a second attack on a vicar. The Rev Nduna Mpunzi, 50, was in hospital with serious head injuries last night after being attacked with an axe by a man who had sought his belp over

difficulties. marital Mpunzi, from South Africa, is curate of St Mary and All Saints in Palfrey, Walsall. The Rev Stephen Trott, of

the clergy section of the MSF union, wrote to Lambeth Palace yesterday demanding a working party to review personal security. He said that when he was a curate in Hull he had to cover his clerical collar with a scarf or

Mr coat to avoid attack. "In the case of female clergy, person-al attack alarms would be a very good idea."

The Right Rev Christopher Hill, Bishop of Stafford, said that clergy might have to abandon inner cities if they did not receive urgent advice on security. He was backed by the Rt Rev Roger Sainsbury, Bishop of Barking,

when he first pointed his

telescope at the heavens in

1610. İts diameter is almost

1.900 miles, making it margin-

Its surface temperature, at

-145C, is low, but the ice crust

that covers the surface may be

ally smaller than our Moon.

on urban priority areas for the Church. Bishop Sains-bury said there had been several incidents in the past five years of attacks on priests and their families.

"We must have priests who can get out and mix with people, but we need to have some advice and be prepared. I hope that we will still have this total commitment to staying in the city."

sacked for assault

MENSINGRIES

Policeman

bury, West Yorkshire, has been forced to resign after a disciplinary hearing upheld complaints that he had assaulted an Asian man. He was charged with abuse of authority at a two-day police hearing. The Police Complaints Authority said it had agreed with the recommendation that the officer should be required to

BSE outbreak

A new case of BSE has been discovered in Co Cork. The herd of 75 dairy cows will be slaughtered, as will any others found to have been in contact with the affected cow. It is the twenty-second case identified this year in Ireland.

Canal explosion

Two men, aged 76 and 66. were badly burnt when a hoat exploded on the Grand Union Canal at Blisworth, Northamptonshire. One suffered 30 per cent burns and the other 10 per cent burns. The boat was destroyed.

Vote bunkered

The unopposed election in June of Carmel Murphy, a teacher, as first woman leader of Co Cork's Kinsale Urban District Council, has been declared invalid because it took place at a licensed golf club. She must run for office again.

Callers see red

Two new red BT phone boxes, based on the traditional models that were phased out after 1985, went into use near Westminster Cathedral for a short trial. Five thousand are to be installed across the country at a cost of £5 million.

Caroline Parr

A report (Diary, August 6) stated that James Hewitt's PR woman was Caroline Parr and that she was present throughout his mother's interview with Hello! magazine. Although Mrs Parr helped to organise the meeting, she does not represent Mr Hewitt and was not present at the interview. We apologise for the misunderstanding and any inconvenience caused to Mrs

Icy depths of Jupiter's moon could hold evidence of life in space

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

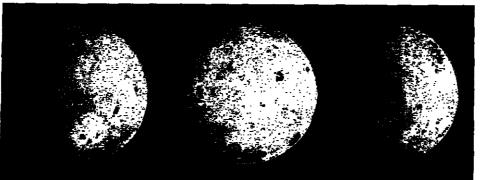
NEW pictures of one of Jupiter's moons, Europa, have provided tantalising hints that cy floes on its surface may be pating on slush or even water. If so, Europa could harbour some form of life. Liquid water is the most important ingredient for life and Europa could have much

more of it than Mars. The new images were taken by the spacecraft Galileo from a distance of 96,000 miles. Scientists at a press conference organised by Nasa said they showed a surface dotted by a series of dark spots that could be the scars of geysers.

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best pictures yet of lo, another of Jupiter's moons, providing evidence of volcanic activity. The pictures show that Io has large red expanses, closely linked to recent volcanic deposits, around a volcano named Pele. Other images show a huge plume of bluecoloured sulphur dioxide rising from a volcano named Ra

"It's really exciting," Profes-sor Ronald Greeley of Arizona State University said of the Europa discovery. He described the surface as resembling "ice-floes on polar seas on Earth".



Photographs of Jupiter's moon. Io, showed evidence of volcanic activity

warm, mushy ice may mean

lubricating layer of relatively Professor Greeley said, the could harbour life. more geologically active Euro-

Europa is the fourth largest

slabs are moving around on a work, cracking the crust. And, likely it is to have niches that

only a few miles thick. Beneath it, according to Dr Ralph Lorenz of the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona, there

may be huge oceans of water up to 30 miles deep. Europa is five times further from the Sun than the Earth, so if there is liquid water it could be kept that way only by radioactive heat from the centre, or by

being close to Jupiter. Professor Greeley said that the new pictures, taken on June 27, allowed scientists to

and stretching it gets from

see "details not even suspected" from pictures returned in 1979 by the Voyager space-craft; for example, the icy slabs appear thinner than scientists

Galileo, launched in 1989, has been returning a steady stream of Jupiter moon closeups, each opening scientists' eyes to new details and hints about geology. They are anxiously anticipating even better pictures from a December flyby, when Galileo will pass within 600 miles of

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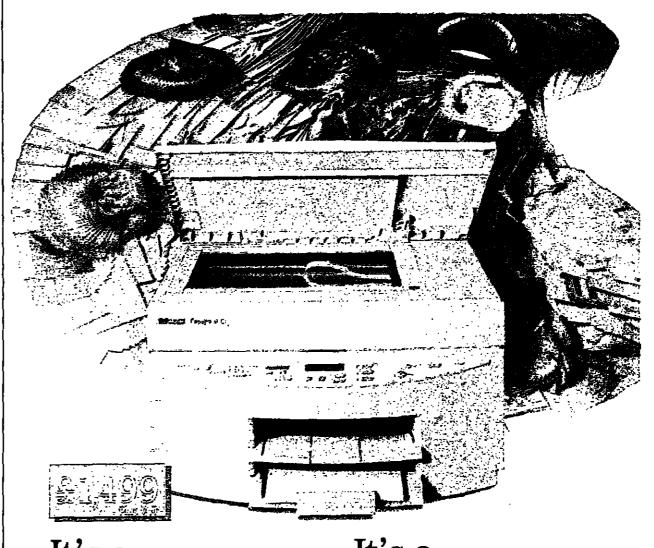


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Offshore wind farm stirs up concerns for wildlife

A PLAN to build the world's largest offshore wind farm two miles from the Norfolk coast provoked serious concern among naturalists yesterday, although environment-alists gave the scheme a cautious welcome.

The £35 million development proposed by PowerGen. the electricity-generating com-pany, would consist of 25 giant wind turbines sunk into a sandbank off Great Yarmouth. Scroby Sands is used by up to 200 grey and common seals as a basking area and is a feeding ground for birds such as the little tern.

head of the Sea Mammal Research Unit based at St Andrews University, said the bank was the only basking area of its kind for 50 or 60 miles. There must be a major study by engineers and oceanographers to assess the impact of this development and its long-term effect on the size of the sandbank. It was possible the seals would return after the site was completed. There are seals that breed in The Wash on the boundaries of a bombing range."
Paul Lewis of the Royal

lation who use the bank for feeding. We would also be anxious to ensure the turbines don't affect Britain's largest Society for the Protection of breeding colony of little terns on North Denes beach, just off Great Yarmouth, which is Birds said: "We would be very concerned if the project im-

pacted on the little tern popu-

area under European law."
PowerGen is seeking government approval for the scheme, which could generate enough electricity to meet the daily needs of a town of 56,000 people. The Crown Estates, which owns Scroby Sands. said yesterday it was prepared to negotiate an agreement if approval was forthcoming.

A spokesman for PowerGen said the 190ft-high turbines would be sunk into the northern end of Scroby Sands, well away from the seals' basking area. "We have done a lot of environmental development work and have deliberately proposed a site which is always under water and not used by the seals."

The Council for the Protection of Rural England, which has campaigned against wind farms on the Yorkshire moors and the Brecon Beacons, said: "In principle we are not against a scheme which takes into account our previous objections to wind farms. It would not spoil the landscape and would be noiseless."

Anna Stanford, energy campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said that if an environmental impact study gave the area a clean bill of health, her organisation would support the scheme. "As well as being beneficial for the environment, wind power is an export and employment opportunity and we are delighted that a company is at last acting to



Janette Proud shows off 17-week-old daughter Sophie, nicknamed "Stroppy Proud" after surviving a premature birth weighing only nine ounces, heart and eye operations and pneumonia. Her twin sister died at birth. Mrs Proud, a teacher, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, said: "She's a miracle'

Power plan for Brent Spar

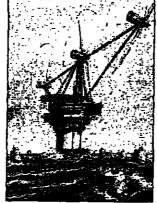
By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Brent Spar oil platform could finish its life festooned with windmills and wave power machines. The suggestion, by a Dutch consortium, is among 30 ideas being studied by Shell for disposing of its ill-fated platform after plans to dump it in the Atlantic raised the hackles of environmentalists.

Hollandia and Volker Stevin Offshore, two engineering contractors, are behind the eco-friendly power station idea. They say that the upper part of Brent Spar

should be refurbished and fitted with three windmills, each capable of generating three megawatts of electricity. Later, wave power genera-tors, each capable of generating 0.7 megawatts, would be attached to the platform. When complete, it could generate 19 megawatts of electricity which would be sent through a power line to the shore from a site off the west coast of Scotland.

The power station is the most unusual of the 30 proposals Shell is studying, more than half of which are for on-shore dismantling or



An impression of Brent Spar as an energy plant

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Why high-tech Hamlet failed to do his turn

turning the revolve, which Everything had depended on it. "A remarkable synthesis of dazzling theatre technology and cinematic convention was promised.

All had been working smoothly during the rehearsals. Over the past six months of an international tour, there had been the occasional "crash-down", Lepage explained, but nothing that had ever caused a cancellation.

Initially, an electrical fault was suspected. Like so many let down by electrical faults. those involved in Elsinore discovered that it was all down to a spare part that was unavailable in this country. "There was no example of it here." Lepage said.

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A DAY after faulty technology put a stop to the opening night of a one-man reworking of Hamlet. the Canadian actordirector Robert Lepage ac-knowledged that the reliance on high-tech. multi-media equipment was "a bit too

Elsinore, which was to have had a five-night run at the by one of the four motors would have picked up the large and elaborate sets.

At the eleventh hour, it was impossible to find an alternative production to fill the King's Theatre. Nearly 3,000 tickets had been sold for the run. It was to have been the British premiere of a play which The Times, at its Brussels performance, described as "a one-man show of beguiling originality".

Brian McMaster, director

of the festival, was unable to comment on reports that the cancellation would cost £100.000. "We have an insurance policy," he said.
He emphasised that discus-

sions were under way for Lepage to return to next year's festival: "He is one of the

great people working in theatre today. You have to take an incomparable number of risks. Some of those risks don't come off."
The show will be seen, if not

in Edinburgh, on a tour that will 'include Nottingham, Newcastle upon Tyne, Glasgow, Cambridge and at the National Theatre in London. the festival fringe has sold only 55 of 2,200 tickets for an 11-day run of its biblical rock musical. The cast of 60 of Key is in danger of outnumbering the audience every night: their makeshift theatre seats 200. Yesterday the Key bookingsheet showed that not one of the £5 tickets had been sold for two of the performances. On most nights only two or

three people are expected. Derek Keith an acoustics engineer and musician wheel has written and produced Key. said: "We won't let it get to us. We know it's a top-notch show. That's the frustrating part. You come to the fringe and expect an audience."

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Lepage: admitted that show was too risky

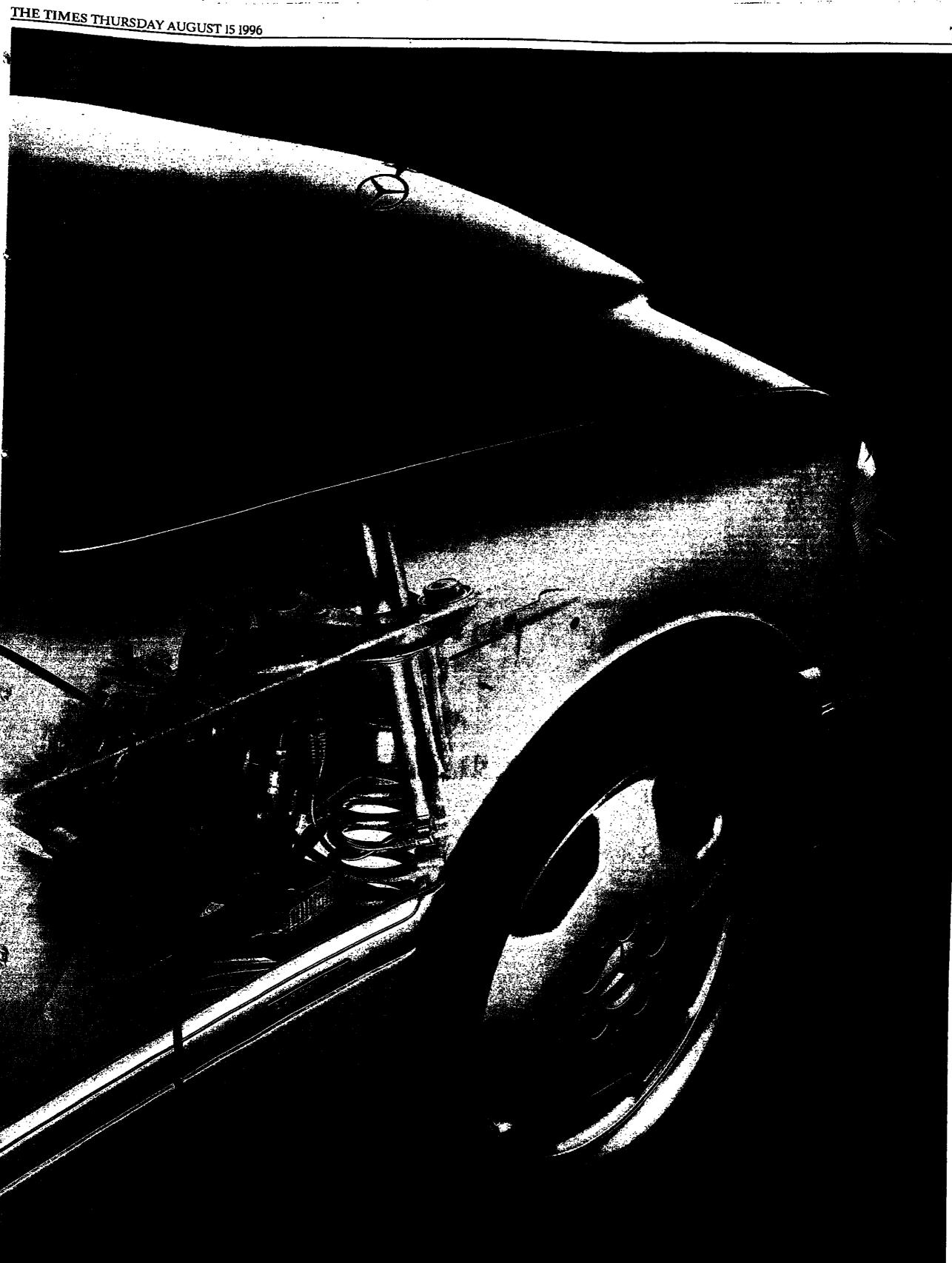
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By David Charter **EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT**

AT 10 am sharp today, John Moore will pin up the A-level grades achieved by his 114

It is a ritual he has observed over 13 years as a headmaster but he is still infected by the same sense of nervous excitement which draws students to The King's School, Worcester. from an hour or more before

the list goes up. This is also a public ritual, one which many heads have abandoned for fear of upsetting youngsters whose grades do not meet expectations. That view is not shared at The King's School.

iome schools keep everything secret and only issue the results to individual candidates but I find that absolutely unacceptable," says Mr Moore, who aims to arrive at 7.30am today to begin collating results. They must be thoroughly checked before they go on display.

This is information about the school and pupils want to know how their friends have got on, which is perfectly

reasonable." he says. "I also know some pupils

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John Moore: infected by pupils' excitement

will have asked a mate to look at their results and phone them through. Parents and members of other years will want to see the results out of interest and they have every right to if they are part of the school community."

Mr Moore leaves his deputy to compile examination statistics used for subject analysis and league tables. His main concern today, he says, is the business of congratulation, commiseration and advice. "The important thing today

the pupils have what they which universities students have applied to, the offers they have and their predicted grades. I probably won't check the whole lot until the evening because my first job is to deal with whoever walks through

His director of sixth form, careers department and pastoral staff are all in. 'If someone has just missed

the grades they need for their first-choice university, the first thing is to get hold of the university and see if they will accept them anyway," says Mr Moore. "There used to be a request from universities that you should not phone until the following Monday but no one took much notice of that." The school will ensure that the pupils themselves make any calls to universities over the coming days.

Their university application is the first important thing they sign in their lives," he says. "It is not their parents' responsibility, it is up to them to talk to people."

Mr Moore worries that successful students are in danger of being overlooked today,

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The way they were: the wait ends for pupils at a Cheshire school last year. At The King's School, Worcester, results are posted on a notice board

both by staff concentrating on disappointed pupils and by the focus on statistics.

"Of course, I am delighted when pupils do well, which can be four grade As or it can be two grade Ds and an E, which in some cases is a miracle. This is where league tables, particularly those constructed on A and B grades. drive me spare. They imply a C is a failure and devalue real achievement. One of my best bits of teaching was helping a pupil get an E grade."
School admissions policy

will remain unchanged whether or not the school betters last year's 58 per cent A and B grade pass rate.

"We are in the business of education and will not withdraw any candidate from a subject because he or she might fail, nor will we refuse admission to the sixth form because they might get D or E grades," says Mr Moore. They have the right to be educated and take an examination at the end of their course and you are quite often agreeably surprised." He

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adds: "It does not bother me enormously if the school's league table position goes up or down because it is just one aspect of what a school does. and, arguably, not the most important, which is educating the whole pupil, producing a confident person who is wellprepared for the next stage and can cope with life."

Inevitably some pupils will be very upset, he says, "The most important thing is not to rush into any sort of decision on a tide of emotion immed-

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The agony and the ecstasy that shape our lives



Results day for the class of '83 began and ended for Carol Midgley, pictured left at the age of 19, in the bathroom of her parents' home

THERE are few experiences in life that are inexorably stamped on our souls, returning regularly to haunt us in our sleep. My driving test, once a source of terror every waking hour, is now but a distant and vaguely smug memory. Recollections of my 18th birthday, the supposed milestone of life and gateway to adulthood. faded almost immediately in a haze of alcohol.

But there is one event whose memory will never leave me, never fail to induce a prickle of nausea in the pit of the stomach. Be assured, the day you get your A-level results is the day you visit pur-

That dismally rainy Thursday in August 1983 began much as it ended - with me being copiously sick in my parents' bathroom. Several drinks the night before had not anaesthetised the feeling of panic and by 6am the butterflies in my stomach had

become a flock of birds. Sleep had come fitfully, punctuated by a conveyor belt of dreams about possible seenarios the next day. I knew what I needed - just three Bs - to get into my chosen university. Leeds, to read English literature. If I fell short of those grades I might be forced in the direction of my second choice, a Midlands-based university which I had decided I would rather sell McDonalds' burgers than attend. Everything hinged on

that Thursday. Our college, a modern sixth-form in Lancashire, had given us the choice of coming in person to collect the results finviting public ridicule or public glory) or waiting for them to arrive by post the next day (out of the question). I had a near-pathological hatred for those with the cool confidence to wait that extra 24 hours or, worse, the ultra-nonchalants

who were away on holiday and would "give the admin office a ring some time". I was battering down the

door at 9am pronto, clutching a pen and paper to record the grades as if there was any chance that I would forget. The college had decided

against pinning the results the notice-board as a gesture of respect for our feelings and to avoid a violent šcrum. Instead we had to queue to enter a small room where a tutor ran his finger along the chart and read out our grades.

His face broadened into a smile as I shuffled in and I knew instantly that, unless he was some kind of sadist, it would be all right. "Nice results, nice results." he said amiably, in no hurry to part with the information. Finally he came out with it - 2 As and a B - in words which I heard in slow motion.

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I made him check and recheck, pressing my nose against the paper, before being confident enough to walk out. Then I started to cry, not because I was happy to be going to university but out of sheer relief that I would never have to go through this nightmare again.

The rest of that day passed in a daze celebrating value fellow students, ending up in an Indian restaurant and being ill again at home, this time not from nerves.

It is no good anyone saying that you can "always take them again" or "I'm sure Sunderland Poly will be just as good". It isn't true.

And today, when I hear that A-level passes have hit a record high for the 15th successive year and the pass rate has increased 16 per cent since 1982. I confess to a twinge of resentment that the exams seem to be easier. Why shouldn't everyone have to suffer like we did?

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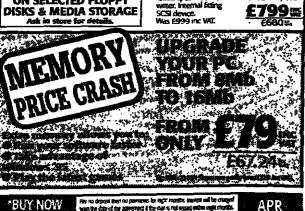
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With modular courses and competition between the big four examiners, picking subjects is not easy Interest in science continues to decline

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR AND DAVID CHARTER

TEENAGERS are continuing eshun the sciences, in spite of the Government's attempt to boost the subjects, today's A-level results show. Physics, chemistry and combined sciences all had fewer entries in a year when the overall number of A-level candidates

Ministers have been trying to encourage more sixthformers to take science subjects, to cope with the demands of the 21st-century labour market. But the decline in entries accelerated this summer and is not expected to

recover next year.

Bryan Davies, Labour's further and higher education spokesman, said that the drop showed there was no room for complacency in the overall raults. The number of students specialising in mathematics and the sciences had fallen from 30 per cent in 1984 to less than 17 per cent this

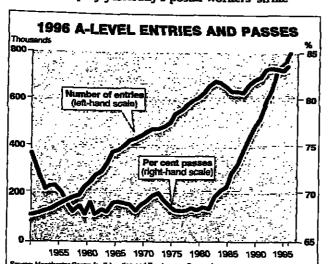
The increase of 1.2 per cent in the total number of A-level entries was lower than the rise in the 18-year-old population. More students are opting for vocational qualifications, whose results are not pub-lished until the end of the month.

A rise of 1.8 percentage points in the proportion of passes at E grade and above shows a return to the grade inflation of the early years of the decade. The increase was sharper still in the A-C grades. which are generally considered the passport to popular degree courses

The rate of increase in the top grade slowed, however, w'_3 last year's 15.6 per cent



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summer. This trend, at least, should bring some relief to university admissions tutors trying to ration places on courses with high entry requirements.

Some subjects, such as biology, computing, physics and modern languages, saw the proportion of A grades fall. But there were significant rises at the top level in religious studies, classics and Pass rates in modular A

levels were, as predicted, much higher than on traditional courses in the same subjects. However, it proved more difficult for candidates to get an A grade in three of the four main subjects for modular entries this year.

Modular A levels are gradu-ally being introduced for all subjects and allow the student to be examined on units of the course as they complete them. This year, the most modular papers were taken in mathematics, by 59 per cent of candidates, followed by 58 per cent in chemistry, 50 per cent biology and 45 per cent physics.

Around 10 per cent of Eng-lish A levels completed this summer were modular and next year's figures will include many more, including the first results from modular A levels in economics, geography, poli-tics and modern foreign

Mathematics was the only subject where students on the new-style courses scored more grade As and Bs than their counterparts taking the whole examination this summer. On modular courses, 26.6 per cent of students gained an A and 21.1 per cent a B, compared with 24.2 per cent and 16.7 per cent on traditional, linear,

In biology, 12.4 per cent of students gained a modular A grade compared with 15 per cent on linear courses. The Agrade rate in chemistry was 18.7 per cent for modular and 20.8 per cent for linear and in physics lo.8 per cent modular and 23.7 per cent linear.

Examination boards said the overall pass rates reflected both greater motivation on behalf of those taking modular courses, as well as their tendency not to register for final examinations if units already taken suggested that they would fail. As a result, candidates tended to cluster in the middle grades.

In mathematics, a 90.2 per cent pass rate was recorded on modular courses compared with 83.4 per cent otherwise. For biology, the modular pass rate was 38.9 per cent compared with 79.7 per cent; in chemistry 87.2 per cent compared with 83.9 per cent; and in physics 89.3 per cent com-

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Mergers of boards increase rivalry

By JOHN O'LEARY

THE number of examination boards has fallen dramatically in the past two decades, but competition between those remaining is more intense than

Schools and colleges are switching between boards at an unprecedented rate to give students the best chance of high grades. But teachers insist their choices are motivated more by the style and content of courses than perceived variations in standards.

The 24 boards of 20 years ago had dropped to eight by the time the GCSE was intro-duced in 1986. The latest merger, between the Oxford and Cambridge boards, has reduced the total to four in England, with one each for Wales and Northern Ireland.

But this has coincided with greater competition, with the boards operating as businesses. The rivalry has satisfied Conservative requirements for greater choice, but even some examiners wonder if competition is compatible with the maintenance of standards.

Greater regulation has been introduced as the inexorable rise in pass rates has raised doubts about the consistency of examining. John Patten, as Education Secretary, brought in a code of practice to tighten procedures and give the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority a monitor-

ing role.
With official reports contin-uing to find no fault with the current system, however. there has been no intervention on the scale seen in GCSE courses. Ministers are considering parallel powers for the authority to reduce the number of syllabuses as well as to stem the increase in subjects.

A test of my nerves and finances as much as my offspring's wisdom

HERE we go again. This time, however, I am an older and wiser father. Last year my son, Linus, faced up to his A levels.

Regarded by his teachers as a bright boy, he gave early announcement that the overdraft we had spent on his asted. Exams were not his thing, he said. After each paper he reeled off, with ill-concealed satisfaction, the elementary errors and, worse, the inflammatory value judgments recorded under his name.

The errors I could forgive but the deliberate flouting of establishment views - well, it wasn't the same in my day. How could he do it? I asked myself. How could be do it? I asked him.

"It's like this," said the idle six-footer. placing a heavy hand on my shoulder.
"Exams are a small part of life. What do they prove, after all? Those who score high marks have good memories for re lived opinions. They are the Daleks of If at first they don't succeed ... Barry Turner, a veteran of examination angst, offers advice for parents who have been dreading today as much as their children

our society. What v re need is men, and women," (he added hurriedly) "of spirit and imagination who are prepared to break the mould."

It happened that I had work that took me to a remote farmhouse in Gascony with a capacious wine cellar. It is a form of escape that I recommend to any parent suffering from A-levelitis. Gradually the dark mood lifts. Sedated by gallons of rough red, one grows accustomed to the notion that of life's many problems, A

levels are but a passing irritant.

1 expressed this view when Linus called to tell me how much he was enjoying what he described as his year out before going to university. "Hang

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university. Remember? Those A levels? Failures, every one, according to you." "I wouldn't worry about it. pops." (! wish he wouldn't call me that.) "I'll scrape together a few passes to see me through."

Came the day. Dulwich College fol-

lows the sadistic tradition of posting Alevel results on the noticeboard, a practice reminiscent of the medieval habit of displaying severed heads on pikes at the city gate. Linus, I assumed, would be at the front of the crowd, eager to put himself and his parents out of agony. When I rang he was nowhere to be found. His sister, Sally, who inhabits another world akin to but not actually

joined to this one, thought he might have and take your bow. Sally, as I intimated gone somewhere with a girlfriend.
"But what about his A levels?" I wailed.

"What A levels?" she asked sweetly. I rang the school: yes, the A levels were up on the board but, no, they were not at liberty to tell me what, if anything, Linus sure of my identity. "But I am his father; you know, the one who pays the fees."

That evening Linus rang to say that he had three grade As and a B. He sounded dejected. When I asked to know what was wrong, he confessed that he had expected straight As. "Why on earth didn't you tell me that before?"

"I didn't want to build up your hopes." Now it is Sally's turn. She goes, or rather went, to Alleyn's, the sister school to Dulwich College, where she was blessed with a form teacher of such patience, sympathy and fortitude that his name deserves to be recorded for posterity. Stand up. please, Mr Kingman.

earlier, is inclined to drift off at critical moments. In consequence, she is brilliant at starting examinations but none too good at finishing them. Her results will depend on marks scored for flashes of inspiration.

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supplicant at the A-level tables. I follow Kipling to meet my children's triumphs and disasters, "And treat those two imposters just the same" I begin to think that Linus was right

first time. Exams are not that important. There are occupations that are free of academic encumbrance. Scouring the prospectuses for opportunities for career women, I find that a pig enterprise management course at the Scottish Agricultural College has a requirement of just one E grade at A level. And it does not even specify a subject.

Excuse me, I must have a chat with my



Hard-learnt lessons: Barry Turner with his children Linus and Sally

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A-level dropouts find AS is not an easy option

By David Charter, Education correspondent

A LARGE rise in the take-up of AS levels, which cover half the material of an A level, was this year accompanied by a sharp drop in the pass rate. Examination boards said more students were turning to the course expecting it to be an easier option than a full A level, but were finding the standards expected were just as high.

The number of AS levels taken was swollen by students who began modular A levels,

where units of the course are examined once they are completed, but decided to switch because early units put them off the full A level. The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority said vesterday it would be consult-

ing from September on revamping the AS level, which is at present a two-year course. to make it easier.

Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the authority, who last year

chaired a major review of

exam qualifications for the

Dearing: proposed one-year AS levels

AS levels in a year, and that the standard should match the work expected in the first year of A-level study. There was an 11 per cent rise

in AS-level entries this summer but a fall in passes on the 58,297 papers by 2.4 per cent. Kathleen Tattersall, chief Government, suggested students should be able to take executive of the Northern Examinations and Assessment

Board and chairman of the Joint Forum for the GCE and GCSE, said: "Sir Ron Dearing proposed an AS-level standard lower than A level and like the first year of A level. taken in one year so it could be the stepping stone to a full A level. This year's figures point to the need for that intermediate examination because of the difficulty of students achieving at the same standard as A

This year's extra entries came mostly in subjects available as modular A levels. There were 46.3 per cent more mathematics papers taken. chemistry was up 33.7 per cent, physics 27.1 per cent and

biology 21.1 per cent. Mrs Tattersall added: "This is the first rise in AS levels for a number of years. In those Alevel subjects where there is a modular option, candidates have decided to try for AS level but it may very well be they have a mistaken view that they are going to find the AS level easier, because it is at the full A-level standard.

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The splendours of Fishbourne Palace are evidence of how quickly the British adopted Roman culture

Sumptuous reward for a co-operative chieftain

FOR King Cogidubnus, chief of the local British tribe, it was home. For anyone eise, the Roman palace at Fishbourne was a feat of engineering and craftsmanship that displayed beyond doubt the superiority

of a conquering race.

The palace, built some time around AD 75 just a few miles to the west of Chichester. boasted more than 100 rooms. including a bath-house, audience chamber and pleasure gardens. The landscaped estate occupied a site of some ten acres, running down to a private harbour with sea

palace itself, at 250,000 sq ft, was on a scale

have cost about £8 million in today's money. While there is much debate over its history. the most likely occupant was Cogidubnus, chief of the

The tribe's previous chief, Verica, had fled to Rome seeking the help of the Emneror Claudius against hostile British neighbours. Once the threat to territory in Sussex and Hampshire was rethe Atrebates remained friendly with the

After the invasion of the Roman army in AD 43. Cogidubnus was made one of Rome's client kings and was allowed to keep his territory

A recreation of the first-century garden at Fishbourne, with box hedge borders



in return for peaceful cooperation with the imperial

David Rudkin, director of Fishbourne Palace, said: "The magnitude of this palace is a huge indication of Roman power. Anyone who came here would be in no doubt about the influence of the Empire." It reveals many

between conquerors and conquered, many of whom quicky and willingly adopted the Romans' superior culture. When building began, local

craftsmen were not sophistiited enough to produce high-quality work, so interior decorators were brought in from Gaul. The mosaics they produced can be seen in the original settings, buckled by land movement but recognisable as patterns, in a covered building over the northwest

Visitors can see the best example of a first-century Roman garden in Britain, box hedges laid out within the villa's walls.

One clue to the history of the garden came from a plant pot, which was found to have four holes around the top, near the rim. According to an account by Pliny, these pots were designed to give plants air during transportation.
"It's likely that the plants here were brought all the way across the empire from Italy and France," Mr Rudkin said.

Outside the villa, archaeoloists believe they may now have found a water garden with fountains, waterfalls and

"It's a lavish way to stock the

garden and a good indication

of the sophistication of the

Bignor contains the best surviving mosaics in Britain. discovered in 1811 by a farmer ploughing his fields

colonnades which they hope to excavate soon. Although the palace was built on the site of a small military settlement, the garrison had moved to Chichester by the time the villa was begun.

There were big changes around AD 90, probably after the death of Cogidubnus. New residents moved in. among them blacksmiths and bakers, to judge by the re-

mains of kilns and ovens found during excavations.

Partition walls were driven through the original rooms. splitting the mosaic floors but providing living space for By that time. British crafts-

Fishbourne's original designer was so confident of the friendliness of the natives that the palace was built without defences. This optimism proved misguided 200 years later when the palace was looted and burnt to the ground, probably by pirates marauding along the South

men had learnt to copy the Roman style. The villa at Bignor, on the South Downs outside Chichester, had begun as a modest first-century farm. but was substantially redecorated in sumptuous style 200 years later. It boasts the finest surviving mosaics in Britain, including an 82ftlong, beautifully preserved corridor which runs the

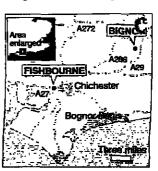
length of the garden wall. Historians believe that the owner was a Romano-British merchant who made his fortune from the wool trade and moved from Chichester to the countryside. However, others believe that the erotic mosaic of Ganymede and the eagle. which is almost perfectly preserved in the summer dining room, is an indication that the villa was once an upmarket

According to Greek myth, the gorgeous youth Gany-mede was raped by Zeus who came to him in the shape of an eagle. The Roman version of the story is less racy: Ganymede. a shepherd, was fetched by an eagle to become

The central panel of the mosaic is surrounded by scantily dad maidens, skipping about a circle and waving their veils, which lends some credence to the theory. Jerry Compton, the custodian of the villa, demurs: "I don't favour the brothel idea, but the villa may have been used as a hunting lodge at one time. We know that a lot of prosperous people moved out of Chichester to live in the country at the appropriate time. It's more likely to have been the home of a rich merchant."

The excavations at Bignor began in 1811 when a farmer. George Tupper, struck a large stone while ploughing one of his fields. A leading antiquary from London was soon on the scene, directing the digging.

The thatched building which was constructed in 1813 to cover the mosaics, is so fine that it is listed as a National Heritage scheduled monument. The site is still owned by the Tupper family, who rely solely on entrance fees for the upkeep of the villa. ☐ Fishbourne Palace is open daily from February 12 to



December 13 (Sundays only and December 15-29). Opening hours are 10am to 5pm. 6pm in August. Inquiries: 01243 785859.

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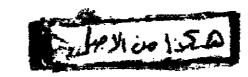






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There's a great deal going on



Truce shattered as Russian jets blast Chechen refugees

THE two jets banked sharply before diving towards their victims below unleashing a salvo of rockets into the bedraggled refugee trail and leaving smoke billowing from where they had scored direct

The refugees, who had being eight today was the end of is eight-day ordeal in Groz-ny, fled down the mud track dragging young children be-hind them and balancing their belongings under their arms. The cars, lorries and buses which had survived the raid crashed and jolted down the hill as fast as their suspen-

sions would allow. Even by the grim standards of Grozny's shortlived ceasefires. a standing joke for everyone except the residents of the city, yesterday's truce may have achieved something of a record. The airstrike by Sukhoi 25 ground-attack jets on the district of Gikalo occurred exactly five minutes after hostilities were supposed to have ended more than a k's clashes, which have left hundreds of combatants and civilians dead and thousands wounded. "I just managed ω



Richard Beeston reports from Grozny on the plight of civilians after yet another dubious ceasefire is flouted

get out with my car and family when they started bombing." said Lara Eldarova, a distraught middle-aged woman, her face reddened by exhaustion and fear.

When we reached the scene of the attack, a Russian truck and a white Volvo were on fire and two men were trying to haul away a third damaged vehicle. It was a miracle no one was killed since the grassy hillside, supposed to have been part of a humanitarian corridor for civilians, was peppered with shrapnel and rocket marks.

They say there is a ceasefire then exactly when the refugee rush hour begins they bomb us." said Tamara Magnmadova, a representative from the local administration. They are completely inhuman. It is a moral out-

the southern district of Gekalo may have been the worst of the day, but it was not an isolated incident. Elsewhere in Grozny helicopter gunships again went into action and Russian mortars were fired into a residential area, killing two

"We have had our order since 0800 to hold our fire and that is what we have done," said Ahmed Zakayev, a senior rebel commander in charge of the southern district of Grozny. "As you can see, the helicopters are still flying overhead and the warplanes are still bombing."

The Russian side seemed genuinely in disarray over whether or not it had agreed to a ceasefire and, if so, what the Konstantin Pulikovsky, the commander of Russian forces in Chechenia and the sup-



Masked Russian police officers search a car in Nazran, a town on the road to Grozny, the Chechen capital

posed signatory of the deal, confirmed that he had agreed to "suspend fighting" but denied ever concluding a formal

Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen military commander and General Pulikovsky's negotiating partner, gave a warning that the consequences of yesterday's violations could have severe repercussions, particularly for General Aleksandr Lebed, the Kremlin security chief and the man charged with ending the 20-month conflict in Chechenia.

"If Lebed cannot pull off a ceasefire like this, then what hope can there be for peace?"
the Chechen military chief

said. At a checkpoint south of Grozny, drunken Russian troops did not seem to know or care. "No one has given us any new orders." said Aleksandr. a young lieutenant, as his men looted a Chechen car full of boxes of cigarettes.

☐ Moscow: Army units have been firing indiscriminately at civilians fleeing the fighting. the pro-Moscow Chechen Government said yesterday (Thomas de Waal writes). Its mission in Moscow said 29 people, including some child-ren, had been killed when a Russian warplane fired at a lorry in the town of Gudermes. Elsewhere, six mourners in the north were killed by fire from a plane.

pressive rectilineal streets, plazas and an internal organis-

ation that seems very modern. Her team, from

Barcelona's Pompeu Fabra

University, has found evi-

dence of large ovens, used for

the manufacture of ceramics,

and a residential zone, "where

some of the more luxurious

houses had eight or nine

rooms and central patios".

Apart from their recognised

skill as sailors and glass-

blowers, the Phoenicians from

Iberia had, it seems, a reput-

ation for sensuality. The

Roman poet Martial, who

lived several centuries after

the city was in its Phoenician

pomp, refers approvingly in

his epigrams to "girls from

wanton Gadir, who with end-

less prurience, swing lascivi-

Doubts grow over election in Bosnia By Eve-ANN PRENTICE

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

TENSION over next month's Bosnian election intensified yesterday as the head of the organisation running it expressed deep doubts about its fairness, and an influential think-tank called for the vote

to be postponed. Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, meanwhile held a series of reportedly fraught meetings with the leaders of the Serbs. Croats and Muslims as he tried to win promises of more co-operation to enable the elections to be free and fair.

At the Geneva meeting, President Tudiman of Croatia renewed pledges that the trou-blesome Bosnian Croat ministate of Herceg-Bosna would be dismantled. But American officials expressed caution because earlier pledges have not been fulfilled.

The call for a postponement of the elections came from the International Crisis Group, which includes Thorvald Stoltenberg, the veteran Balkan negotiator, and several former Prime Ministers, and is chaired by former US Senator George Mitchell, who also chairs the Northern Ireland talks. The group said conditions for the September 14 poll were "totally unacceptable" and that going ahead would do more harm than

Nicholas Hinton, president of the group, said: "The consequences will be extremely damaging for Bosnia-Herze-govina and could mark the end of the peace process." Doubts about the fairness of

the poll were also expressed by Flavio Cotti, head of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is organising the elections. He was later due to meet Mr Christopher after his talks with Presidents Tudiman, Izetbegovic of Bosnia and Milosevic of Serbia.

Meanwhile, the Muslim-Croat assembly in the Bosnian city of Mostar elected a Croat Mayor and Muslim Deputy Mayor at its first joint session. It also emerged that a heavily outnumbered Nato team encountered Ratko Mladic, com-Army, at the weekend but did Leading article, page 17 | not try to apprehend him.

French police say runway raiders may be in Spain

up to £500,000 in cash after robbing an aircraft at Perpignan airport in the south of France may have escaped to Spain, police said yesterday.

The raid was carried out in daylight moments after Air France Europe Flight 5243 tched down from Paris on Tuesday evening. The aircraft was carrying 167 passengers. six crew and a Brink's security shipment of French banknotes. As the Airbus A320 taxied, at least four hooded men armed with rifles and handguns used two vehicles to block the runway. Then they held up a banner reading: "Shut off your engines and

The raiders fired three or four shots, one of which reportedly hit the nose of the aircraft. They then removed two sacks of cash before driving off at high speed. Initially they were thought to have taken Fr4 million, but detectives said later that the cash was in pesetas, and would not say how much. The raid was over in less than four minutes. A spokesman for Air France Europe said as many

GUNMEN who escaped with as ten men may have taken part in the hold-up.

A police officer said: "This was a commando operation carried out by the hand of a master criminal.

The robbers appear to have headed west on the main autoroute to Foix but, the police said, they could have doubled back along minor roads and crossed the Spanish border 20 miles from Perpignan. Under the Schengen agreement, the border between Spain and France is open, with only occasional spot checks.

A police search was under way yesterday and the authorities asked anyone to come forward who might have seen

They gained access to the airport runway by forcing the lock on a perimeter gate on the far side of the airport from the main entrance. A small copse of oaks just outside the fence ensured that their vehicles were not seen from the control tower, more than a mile away.

Before escaping, the robbers blocked the gate with two vans to hinder pursuit, then transferred to a third vehicle.

Mitterrand monuments tarnished

By Ben Macintyre

TWO of the "grand works" initiated by the late President Mitterrand have come under attack this week amid claims that the restored Tuileries gardens have become a fairground and the new Opéra

Bastille is falling apart.
The Jardin des Tuileries, the great loth-century park of the French kings designed by André Le Nôtre in the heart of Paris, has been overrun by tourist attractions, according to critics of the Socialist leader's grands travaux. Alongside the elegant paths

and flowerbeds can be found a vast Ferris wheel, an icerink, restaurants seating up to 1,500 people, food stalls and shooting galleries.

The city authorities say that they cannot afford to pay the gardeners without renting out parts of the park to vendors and side-shows. Meanwhile, the ultra-mod-

ern Opéra building at the Bastille, which was completed in a hurry to allow M Mitterrand to preside over its grand opening in 1989, is already showing signs of serious wear and tear. Stones on the façade are beginning to crack and last month a steel plaque came loose.

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Phoenician city found near Málaga

By Tunku Varadarajan

SPANISH archaeologists have unearthed the site of the biggest Phoenician settlement discovered so far on the Iberian peninsula, dating to at least

the 8th century BC.
The site, which the elated archaeologists say was once "a teeming city", lies at Cerro del Villar, an unassuming hillock situated between the city of Malaga and the nearby Guadalhorce river. Phoenicians were The

among the first foreign colonisers of the southern coast of "Spania", or "the hidden land as they christened the peninsula. Among their distinguished achievements was the founding in 1100 BC of Gadir, later to become Cádiz. They also founded seniements at Adra. Villaricos and Almuñecar, as well as some near Málaga.



Since virtually nothing survives today of Phoenician Gadir, the site at Cerro del Villar provides scholars with a view into the urban ways and methods of the enterprising seafarers from Tyre who settled in Spain, attracted by its fishing grounds and the pur-

ple dye of its shellfish. The archaeologists had speculated initially that the remains at Cerro del Villar might have been of the ancient city of Mainake, also believed to have been near modern Målaga, which was built in the 7th century BC by the Phocians, a people from central Greece. But the settlement is at least a century too old to have been anything else but Phoenician. According to Maria Euge-

nia Aubet, the director of the dig, Cerro del Villar has exceeded "beyond all imagination" the archaeologists' expec-tations. She said: "We thought initially we had found a small Phoenician settlement of around two hectares (nearly five acres), of the kind that is not uncommon. Later, we realised that what we had before us were the remains of a city in which perhaps a

thousand people once lived." The city, which was up to 15 hectares in size, is described by Dr Aubet as having "imous loins writhings".

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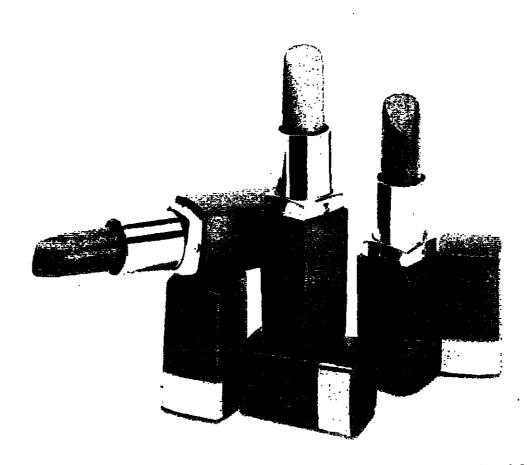
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Tax-change fanatics pledge to cut 12 hours of form-filling to five minutes

By Tim Hames

LIFE for defeated presidential candidates at the party convention is not normally enjoyable. Obliged for the sake of form to show up, they are either anonymous figures or sulk on the edge of events, as Pat Buchanan has done.

In years past they were rewarded with a speaking slot, occasionally in prime time. Not so in San Diego. The best they get is a small appearance on a party video heavily scripted by the Dole campaign handlers. All but one of the ten men who opposed the eventual victor

COMMENTARY

The exception is Steve Forbes and supporters of the flat tax. So great is his presence you could be forgiven for thinking he had won the presidential nomination. Bob Dole is now committed to a package of tax cuts as the first stage towards a "flatter, fairer, simpler" system. Jack Kemp, guru of supply-side economics and the only serious politician to endorse Mr Forbes, is the highly popular running-mate.

Mr Forbes is scheduled to attend dozens of events and has had scores million) he personally spent during the campaign now looks a better investment than it did six months ago. He is supplemented by a torrent of activity from Citizens for a Sound Economy, the 250,000member group most associated with his cause. Its predominantly young supporters are everywhere in San Diego, festooned with balloons, stickers and T-shirts exclaiming "Annoy the IRS" (the Internal Revenue Service) and "Support the Flat Tax!" and distributing oversized badges with the

same message to eager delegates.

Mr Forbes and Dick Armey, second in command to Newt Gingrich in the House of Representatives, is the glamour outing of the week. They have swamped the CNN television station with commercials arguing that their proposals would put Washington's detested lobbyists out of business. These flat-tax fanatics believe that they represent

the Republican future.

They may be right. Their position is the logical extension of the party's hostility to tax and regulation. Its strength is the almost universal loathing felt for the present US tax system. This produces some 480 tax forms. The

standard document used by most citizens requires an average of 12 hours' work to fill in. It is estimated that the eight billion pieces of paper produced by the IRS need nearly six billion man-hours to complete at an estimated cost of \$200 billion.

The alternative backed by Mr Forbes. Mr Armey and Richard Shelby, an Alabama senator, would be radically different. All Americans would receive generous personal allowances — \$11,350 for single people and \$22,700 for married couples — plus a further \$5,300 per child. In return, there would be no deductions or loop-holes. All income above these

figures would be taxed at a single 17 per cent rate. A family with two children earning up to \$33,300 would pay zero federal income tax. At \$50,000, they would owe only \$2,839. Its backers believe this generous treatment of lower in-comes would offset the charge that one band favours the rich. The income tax form could be reduced to postcard size and dealt with in under five minutes. Money from savings or investments would be

taxed only once. For the flat tax to prosper swiftly requires three factors. First, a Republican President. Second, that the imprecise promise Mr Dole has

into something more specific. Enthusiasts believe that Mr Kemp, if Vice-President, would ensure that the 2000 election was fought on implementing that package. Finally, an element of compro-

mise. Although Americans are attracted to the concept, they would not want to lose two very popular allowances, those for mortgage interest payment and charitable contributions. This would slightly, upset the purity of the programme, but politics dictates adjustments. However, win or lose in 1996, Republican interest in the ultimate tax reform is likely to endure.

Their party at the Planet Holly-wood restaurant today hosted by Dole aides plot ways to exploit the Powell factor

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN SAN DIEGO

REPUBLICAN

CONVENTION '96

Kemp has a long record of concern for America's racial

and inner-city problems. But

in an interview with yester-

day's Los Angeles Times, Mr

Kemp conspicuously softened

his earlier support for affirma-

tive-action programmes, lest

he appear out of step with Mr

convention, convention or-

ganisers have prepared a pow-

erful film biography of Mr

Dole. Elizabeth Dole was ex-

pected to break all precedents

by wandering among the dele-

gates on the floor with a

microphone in her hand and

AS THE Republican Party convention prepared formally to anoint Bob Dole as its presidential nominee last night, his aides were plotting ways to boost his electoral appeal by exploiting Colin

One idea was to unveil key members of a Dole Cabinet prior to November's election, if the hugely popular retired black general could be persuaded to accept the job of Secretary of State. Another reported possibility was to ask Jeane Kirkpatrick, President Reagan's UN Ambassador, to be Secretary of Defence to improve Mr Dole's lowly standing among women.

General Powell is America's most popular public figure, and he brought the convention to its feet with an electric speech on Monday night, but how far he is prepared to go to help Mr Dole is not clear.

He turned down the job of Secretary of State when President Clinton offered it to him in 1994. He joined the Republican Party in 1995, but refused to be Mr Dole's running-mate and said before the convention that he did not plan to campaign actively for the Republican ticket this autumn. He was known to be unhappy about Mr Dole's opposition to affirmative action programmes designed to counter racial discrimination.

General Powell was said to be genuinely excited by Mr. Dole's selection of his friend, Jack Kemp, as running-mate last Saturday because Mr

was introducing him from the

Mr Dole will formally accept the nomination tonight with the most important speech of his life, and from that moment he becomes eligible for nearly \$70 million (£45 million) in federal funds. His campaign has been virtually penniless since March, while Mr Clinton has been able to spend nearly \$30 million on

Tuesday night's session was devoted to pillorying Mr Clinton for "broken promises" on taxes, welfare and the budget. "Bill Clinton's promises have the lifespan of a Big Mac on Air Force One," quipped Susan Molinari, the young New York congresswoman who was the keynote speaker.

Dole. Mr Dole's formal nomina-Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, made a brief appeartion last night marked a new milestone in a political career spanning nearly half a century that has included two earlier ance in which he argued that "our philosophy represents bids for his party's nominathe most compassionate, chartion and an equally unsuccessitable and hopeful vision for ful White House bid as Presi-America today". But the most dent Ford's 1976 runningpowerful defence of a Republican agenda widely perceived Cribbing from the Demoas harsh came from J.C. crats, who produced a video Watts, a former professional football player from Oklahocalled The Man From Hope that transformed Bill Clinton's ma and one of the party's two image during the party's 1992

black congressmen. Unlike the Democrats, Republicans "don't define compassion by how many people are on welfare or living in public housing", he declared. We define compassion by how few people are on welfare and public housing because talking about her husband. we have given them the means Mr Dole's daughter, Robin, to climb the ladder of success."



Diana Acompo, a Californian delegate at the convention, with a Bob Dole puppet

General sees economic power as key to American dominance

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IT WAS almost midnight on a Saturday evening in December 1994 when General Colin Powell received a telephone call from President Clinton asking the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to drop into the White House for a chat. The following day Mr

Clinton offered the general, the Gulf War military leader, and perhaps the hottest political property in America, the role of Secretary of State to replace Warren Christopher.

Mr Powell told the President that, for personal reasons, he wanted no further involvement in public office. Left unspoken were my reservations about the amorphous

way the Administration handled foreign policy, a style with which I was already familiar," Mr Powell wrote in his autobiography, My Ameri-can Journey. "I did not see how I could fit back into this operation without changes so radical that the President

would probably have difficulty making them.

Now, it seems, the retired

general is once more being considered for the premier foreign policy post in an American government led by Bob Dole.

In the early years of the Clinton presidency, Mr Powell ploughed a furrow of caution at the Pentagon. Even friends viewed the Powell doctrine as too cautious on the use of

Despite his obvious commitment to the Pentagon over 35 years, Mr Powell has always seen himself as being more suited to the role of Secretary

of State. He firmly believes that the United States is the leader of the Western world and the foundation upon which nascent democracies in Eastern Europe wish their security to

rest. But he still views economic dominance as the most successful lever for peace. "In this new world, economic strength will be more important than military strength," he writes. "The new order will be defined by trade relations, by the flow of information, capital, technology, and goods, rather than by armies

Fuel tank blast ruled out in TWA crash

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FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

FOUR weeks after the crash of believe they are near to confirming sabotage as the cause of the disaster.

Examination of the jumbo jet's central fuel tank, which caught fire in the incident, has suggested that it did not explode until 24 seconds after an initial blast on board the Paris-bound Boeing 747.

which crashed on July 17 with the loss of all 230 passengers and crew.

The new evidence backed a theory, likely to be confirmed shortly by officials, that some sort of bomb exploded in the cabin of the airliner, causing it to break up. The explosion in the central fuel tank, situated in the belly of the jumbo, probably happened when the aircraft was already in a steep dive towards the 120ft-deep waters of Moriches Bay.

Investigators said that the condition of the fuel tank, although burnt by an explosion, proved that this was the result of "a low-energy fuel explosion" rather than the more violent sort of blast associated with explosives. The latter would have twisted the metal more dramatically. It is thought that the first explosion, from a device that

was possibly hidden in a

serving galley or in a carry-on

suitcase placed in an overhead

the front of the right wing. The location is unimportant, however. The bomb would have crippled the aircraft wherever it was placed.

glaring at each other."

Once the disaster has been officially recognised as an act of sabotage, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has already been involved in the hunt for clues, will take over the case and mount a full investigation into the fate of Flight 800.

Nervous party managers keep Newt in his box

hat do you do with your party's most popular man if he also happens to be the most unpopular politician in the country? That was the conundrum facing the Republican convention's omnipotent scriptwriters, and their answer was simply to edit out Newt Gingrich.

The Speaker is nominally the convention chairman, but before last night he had made only one brief stage appearance that was timed to ensure minimum television coverage. The tiger assumed the role of pussycat. In a seven-minute speech he spoke of charity and compassion, lauded Martin Luther King and levelled not a single unkind remark at President Clinton. There was no talk of revolution or shutting down government. In fact he failed to mention the first Republican Congress in 40 years. At the end his wife joined him on stage for a cuddle.

Mr Gingrich has also used his appearances outside the convention centre to suggest he is really a softie. He has posed for pictures at San Diego's 200, with the dolphins at Sea World, and building homes for the poor. His real work, of course, takes place off-camera. He remains the party's most formidable fund-raiser and by the end of the week will have attended 73 events in 28

emocrats are not letting their case go by default this week. About 18 party officials have set up a temporary headquarters a few blocks from the convention centre from which they distribute instant rebuttals to the latest Republican charges. They also hold daily press conferences. or "reality checks".

The officials include Chris Dodd, the Democratic Party chairman, George Stephan-opoulos, one of the President's top advisers, and James Carville, Mr Clinton's 1992 campaign strategist. To the fury of Haley Barbour, the Republican Party chairman, the three of them are enjoying free access to the convention, courtesy of the television networks, which bring them in for interviews.

Mr Clinton is also roaming freely around the con-Well, not the President himself, but a remarkably convincing lookalike named Tim Watters. His favourite trick is to waylay the prettiest girls and loudly invite them up to his hospitality suite.

The whole point of this convention is to propel Bob Dole to vic-tory this November, but SAN DIEGO NOTEBOOK

some senior Republicans evidently believe that cause is hopeless. Instead, they are using the occasion to lobby for the party's next presidential nomination. Most are more subtle than Pat Buchanan, who has almost openly declared his intention to run again in 2000. Their preferred modus operandi is to cosset the delegations from Iowa and New Hampshire, the sites of the first caucus and primary.

Steve Forbes, the multimillionaire publisher, greeted the lowans even before Monday's opening gavel. On Tuesday another of this year's losers, Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee Governor, held a party for the delegates from New Hampshire on board a chartered yacht in San Diego Bay and urged them to "stay in touch and keep your

powder dry".

Dan Quayle, the former Vice-President, is said to be actively wooing the delegates, but the latest name in the frame is that of George Bush Jr. the son of the former President and high profile Texas Governor.

r Dole has suddenly developed a family. Not only is his wife, Elizabeth, rushing around promoting him. so is his 41-year-old daugh-ter by his first marriage who had previously stayed well out of the limelight

Robin Dole, who lost her iob as a lobbvist for a property company last year, is suddenly ubiquitous appearing on chat shows, greeting the party faithful at receptions and last night introducing her father with a prime-time speech to the convention. The purpose, of course, is to humanise the dour Mr Dole and boost his scant appeal to women

Mr Dole is fortunate to have such a loyal and supportive daughter. Richard Ben Cramer, his biographe tells a story to illustrate just how little attention Mr Dole paid her when she was growing up. Aged 11, she wanted her ears pierced. Her father was so obsessed with building his political career that she hardly ever saw him. The only way she could ask his permission was to leave a "speed memo" on his bed with two boxes marked "yes" and "no". He replied with a third box marked "maybe" and "I'll talk to you on Tuesday". That was four days away an elernity for a young girl in a hurry.

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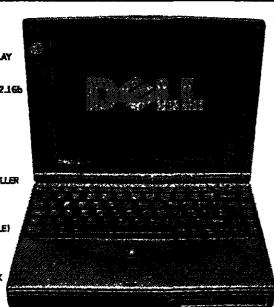
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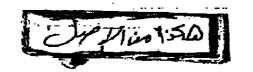




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the weakness of the manufac-

turing sector. Figures for June

showed a 51,600 year-on-year

fall in employment in the manufacturing industries, al-

though there was a small

Unadjusted unemployment

increased by 61,747 to 2,158,073

between June and July, tradi-

tionally a volatile month because of the arrival of

university graduates in the wrokforce. The ONS said that

it believed the adjusted figures

monthly rise from May.

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Jobless total at five-year low

By Alasdair Murray

UNEMPLOYMENT fell to its fall. Unemployment among lowest for five years last month, with the underlying trend continuing downwards, according to the Office for National Statistics.

The number of seasonally adjusted unemployment claimants fell by 24,100 to 12,126,200 in July - 7.6 per cent of the workforce.

The Government seized on the figures, which represent the fifth consecutive monthly fall, as evidence of a strengthening job market. Eric Forth, Education and Employment Minister, pointed to a new ONS estimate that the downward trend in unemployment has accelerated to about 15,000 a month.

The size of the fall surprised the City, prompting some fears that a tightening in the labour market could reignite inflation as wages begin to rise. But Jonathan Loynes, UK economist at HSBC markets, said: "The figures were stronger than expected and provide some tentative evidence the labour market is tightening gently, but there is no need to fear a surge in wage

The number of long-term unemployed also continued to those out of work for longer than a year fell 27,300 in the quarter to July to 779,000, while those without a job for more than six months fell 54,400 to 1,197,400 over the

The number of new vacancies notified to jobcentres increased by 5,300 between June and July to 223,400, while the stock of vacancies rose sharply by 11.500 to 230,300. But the ONS cautioned against placing too much emphasis on the increase in available jobs. saying that the rise was exag-

same period.

Strike days on increase

THE number of working days lost through strikes jumped to a six-year high in June (Alasdair Murray writes). A total of 228,000 were lost (7,000 in May) involving 133,000 workers (4,000 in May). The figures will rise in July, with the inclusion of the London Underground strikes. Disputes by Royal Mail, Benefits Agency and Derbyshire firemen continue, while action is due at several train operating companies.

gerated by the introduction of a new computer system at job-

was still no sign that the economy was generating new

Labour pointed to separate figures published by the The TUC welcomed the fall in claimant unemployment but John Monks, TUC Generhousehold-based Labour

Minister, said the number of 16- and 17-year-olds out of work totalled 142,000 in the spring compared with 110,000 in the spring of 1993.

Unemployment fell across the regions, with the largest

30 per cent rise in youth

unemployment during the

past three years. Stephen Byers, Shadow Employment

drops in the South East, Greater London, West Midlands and North West. There were also falls in male and female unemployment, with the number of jobless men declining 17,800 to 1,613,600,

may have slightly overstated the fall in July.

Michael Saunders, UK economist at Salomon Brothwhile women's unemploy-ment fell 6,300 to 512,600. ers, added that there was some evidence that unemployment figures were being generally depressed by the rising num-

bers of people at universities or on other benefits. Unemployment among men of 18 to 25 and over 50 stands well below its ten-year average, but unemployment for men aged 25 to 49 has only just decreased to its ten-year average. Unemployment for the 25-49 age group also remains 50 per cent above its July 1990 level, whereas the overall jobless total is only 30 per cent

Clash on interest rates set to continue

By Janet Bush and Alasdair Murray

A CLEAR policy divide opened up between the Treasury and the Bank of England early last month and is likely to be exacerbated by yesterday's news of an upward revision in

average earnings growth.

The minutes of the monthly monetary meeting on July 3 published yesterday showed that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, made it clear that he is in no rush to answer the Bank of England's call for a pre-emptive rise in interest rates.

Mr Clarke said: "If growth did accelerate to the point where the inflation target

was being put at risk, there would be sufficient time to act prudently."

This was in stark contrast to the view of Eddie George, the Bank Governor, that the quarter-point cut in rates in June may have brought forward the time when interest rates will need to rise" and last week's Inflation Report which called for a rise in rates sooner rather than later. Mr George's implacable opposition to

further rate cuts and bias towards a rate rise is only likely to be strengthened by yesterday's news that average earnings growth, which surprisingly dipped back to 3.50 per cent in May, has now been revised

up again to 3.75 per cent. Earnings rose 3.75 per cent in the year to June.

The revision in the May figures. coupled with a continuing fall in unemployment, raised concern that wage inflation could accelerate later in the year. although most economists said yesterday that pay should remain under control.

Today retail price figures for July are published and the City expects inflation to nudge upwards because price-cutting in the summer sales has not been as fierce as last year. Headline inflation could rise from 2.1 to 2.3 per cent and underlying inflation from 2.8 to 3 per cent.

Pennington, page 25 Grid hopes to save £800m

NATIONAL GRID, the transmission company, is awaiting John Major's sig-nature to save an £800 million order for a ground-breaking project in Pakistan (Morag Preston writes). The order for the 1,400km

Pakistan deal

transmission line that runs through the Indus Valley was first discussed when Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, met Mr Major in London in November 1994. but the Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority has since revised its options, according to the Department of Trade and Industry.

National Grid was awarded the concession for the 500kv transmission line, nicknamed "Bom", in April

SBC sets aside £70m for bonuses

By Robert Miller

SWISS Bank Corporation (SBC), which now owns Warburg, the London broker, has set aside a SFr149 million (£70 million) bonus pot to reward its top executives and senior traders.

The performance-related bonuses were enhanced by sparkling performances from SBC Warburg and the Swiss bank's private banking arm. This helped to lift the group's gross operating profits 33 per cent to SFr2.1 billion in the first half.

The bank said the growth in personnel expenses "was due entirely to performance-related compensation -- another way of describing bonuses. Personnel expenses rose sharply to SFr2.1 billion in the six months

to June 30, compared with SFrl.6 billion previously. In spite of the Swiss bank's higher depreciation and provisioning charges, up 37 per cent to SFr681 million and 16 per cent to SFr383 million respectively, the group reported pretax profits of SFr996 million compared with SFr724 million

in the same period last year. Swiss Bank Corporation said that the integration of Warburg had been successfully completed. The company added: "The financial goals set at the time of acquisition have been exceeded to date. The new organisational structure announced in May 1996 built around the four divisions - domestic, SBC private banking, SBC War burg and SBC Brinson - is proceeding according to plan and will be fully operational by

the end of 1996. Net commission income at SBC rose 58 per cent to SFr2.1 billion, while revenue from trading and risk management increased 27 per cent to SFr1.5

Of the outlook for the full year, SBC said: "The bank is relatively cautious in its outlook for the remainder of the year in view of the uncertainties on the financial markets and the difficult economic environment. Provisioning needs are consequently expected to remain high in the

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Franc talk

A concerted verbal defence of the French franc appears to he under way, with senior officials of the Bundesbank holding out hope of a cut in German interest rates and the French Prime Minister denying any policy tensions between the Government and Bank of France. The france came under strong pressure last Friday on speculation that France was seeking a delay to the start of the single currency. Page 23

Metal bashing

Lower metals prices and difficult trading conditions at home and abroad hit first-half profits at Glynwed, the engineering group. The company reported pre-tax profits down 3.1 per cent to £40.2 million.

Ron Henderson, left, finance director, and Alan Jones believe that the benefits of the rationalisation at BICC Cables are already apparent

By Sarah Cunningham

BICC takes £65m charge

A FRESH round of exceptional charges and a poor perfor-mance by its Balfour Beatty contracting business plunged BICC, the construction and cables group, into the red in the first half of this year.

BICC reported a £2 million pre-tax loss in the six months to June 29 compared with a £60 million profit in the same period last year. Before excep-

tional items, the group made a profit of £63 million. The E65 million provisions included £25 million for rationalisation and asset writedowns at its German cables arm, KWO; £35 million for a write-down of the value of its Spitalfields site in London; and £5 million on property develop-

took exceptional charges of £176 million for restructuring and the loss suffered on its sale of Clarke Homes.

Balfour Beatty suffered in the first half from bad debts in North America and "disappointing contract settlements" in the civil engineering and power engineering business-es. The recently acquired rail business are already performing well and helped to offset osses elsewhere.

Alan Jones, chief executive, said the benefits of its rationalisation programme at BICC Cables were already apparent and that investment

was being stepped up. Analysts moved their full-year forecasts down from about E142 million to E137 million. but shares nonetheless closed 5p higher at 320p.

The loss per share of 10.5p at half time compared with earnings of 6.5p in the first half of 1995. It is maintaining its interim dividend, which is payable on January 2, at 4p.

Tempus, page 26

Lloyd's rescue irrational and perverse, says QC

By Jon Ashworth

Richard Gordon, QC, said LLOYD'S of London's E3.2 billion rescue plan is an unlawful scheme that "infringes fundamental principles" governing the insurance market. the High Court was told yesterday. The "irrational and perverse package discriminated against names who had faithfully discharged their underwriting liabilities. The remarks came at the

opening of a case brought by the Paying Names Action Group (PNAG), which is seeking a judicial review of the Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan. The challenge is being hurried through the courts to remove uncerminty for 34,000 names who have until August 28 to decide whether to accept the settlement Judgment has now been set for Friday afternoon.

that compulsory premiums linked to Equitas, the new reinsurance company. amounted to "cross-subsidies"

that infringed the fundamental principle that no member could be held responsible for the debts of others. The imposition of a Central Fund levy on past, present and future members to meet outstanding liabilities was also in breach of the Lloyd's liability principle, as was the proposal to writeoff £700 million owed by nonpaying members to the Central Fund. Mr Gordon said it would be wrong for the court to refuse

the Paying Names a declara-

tion that the rescue plan was

unlawful because of fears that

it might result in "chaos" for

Lloyd's. That was an invita-

tion "to subvert the rule of

law", he argued. Peter Scott, QC, for Lloyd's. described Mr Gordon's invitation to "ignore the question of chaos" as wrong in law and "a compelling reason" for the judge to approach his arguments "with the greatest circumspection". He added: "It is astonishing for someone who claims to represent more than 1,000 members of Lloyd's to make submissions of that kind against the background of the way in which finance for these proceedings has been collected." He argued that, in any event, the Paying Names had no jurisdiction to bring their action by way of an application for judicial review as the

case did not raise matters of public law. The case continues today.

Titan investors may chase £17m

By ROBERT MILLER

THOUSANDS of angry investors who joined Titan, the money-circulation scheme. may form a protest group to recoup losses now believed to top E17 million, after the scheme was closed down in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Registrar Rawson issued compulsory winding-up orders on the original Titan Business Club and associated enterprises and ordered that Michael Pugh, the Official Receiver, be appointed provisional liquidator.

Titan signed up some 12,000 investors who each paid a joining fee of between £2.500 and £3,000 and sought to recover their money by signing up four or five other members. The Department of Trade and Industry applied to the High Court in June to have Titan closed. The High Court and the Court of Appeal. which both labelled the scheme "inherently objectionable", issued a series of injunctions banning Titan from holding recruitment meetings, taking money from investors and sending money out of the country. When a "clone" of the original Titan was launched using American-registered companies, the DTI was granted an extension of the in-

Peter Sealey, a corporate finance adviser to Titan, said: We have arrangements in hand to protect the interests of people who joined Titan in the UK." Signs for "Titan victims" to call a hotline are in place at junction II of the M4. near Reading in Berkshire and on the Al near Doncaster.

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Campaign aims to calm fears over franc

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

supply would slow further.

allay market nerves surround-

ing the franc, the mark and

prospects for monetary union.

He said yesterday that there

were no policy differences

between the Government and

the Bank of France and that recent fluctuations in the franc

investors sold the franc last

Friday because of speculation

that Jacques Chirac, the

French President, wanted the Bank of France to cut interest rates more boldly to offset

weakness in the economy, and

M Juppe said yesterday that

the Government shared the

central bank's objective of a

stable currency and that its

determination to break the

vicious circle of the deficit was

greater than ever. He said he

was confident France would

meet the Maastricht criteria

for joining a single currency.

soaring unemployment.

were a storm in a teacup.

A CONCERTED verbal defence of the French franc appears to be under way, with senior officials of the Bundesbank holding out hope of a cut in German interest rates and the French Prime Minister denying any policy tensions between the Government and Bank of France.

The franc came under strong pressure last Friday on speculation that France was seeking a delay to the start of the single currency, that the Government wanted to push the central bank into sharper cuts in interest rates and that the Bundeshank was disinclined to bail out the franc by shaving German rates.

But this week has been characterised by soothing noises from Frankfurt and Paris. Earlier this week, Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, said he was confident that monetary union would begin on time. The August monthly report from the Bundesbank left the door

> TOURIST RATES



Star signing: Dutch international Pierre van Hooijdonk cost Celtic £1.2 million

takeover should be complete

by the end of the year. Regula-

tory authorities and minority

shareholders had yet to ap-

over of Europe's leading

health insurer DKV last

month, Munich Re said its

latest acquisition would in-

crease premium income from

reinsurance to DM22.5 billion

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Munich Re plans US takeover

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and overall income to DM37

Hans-Juergen Schinzler, the

Munich Re management

board chairman, said: "The

purchase means a big step forward for our core reinsur-

American Re is the third

largest non-life reinsurance

group in the United States

with gross premiums of \$2.6

Telecoms

cash-saver

from Racal

BY ERIC REGULY

RACAL, the electronics group,

has introduced a service, in

partnership with BMS Boss-

ard, a management consultan-

cy, aimed at saving money for customers of BT, Mercury and

other phone companies.

Racal has determined that

phone companies have been

overcharging business cus-torners by as much as 5 per cent for data transmission

services. The Racal-Bossard

service is based on a software

tool that identifies discrepan-

cies. There is no fee; Racal and

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Ron Brender, Bossard's

managing director, said: "The collective overcharging could easily amount to millions of

pounds a year. We know of

organisations that are spend-

ing as much as E20 million a

year on international data

transmission." He said the

overcharging is typically the result of "human error", such

as failing to apply a discount

or disconnect a circuit. Mr

Brender said the service is

unique and may be introduced

A BT spokesman said: "It is

impossible to be absolutely

precise on charges. We always

reimburse our customers if they are overcharged."

into foreign markets.

any amount recovered.

Celtic loses off the pitch

By George Sivell

CELTIC, the Glasgow football dub listed on the Alternative investment Market. increased losses after tax to El.01 million from E401.000 in the year June in spite of a rise

operating profits.

The club wrote off E3.8 million from its assets after a conservative review of the value of its team in the wake of the so-called Bosman ruling, which means that players are free to leave a football club once their contracts have

Celtic has spent £12 million in the past two years on acquiring 10 new players.

Sales rose 54 per cent to £16 million, thanks to a return to Celtic Park, and profits from operations reached £2.7 million after a £180,000 loss in 1995. Celtic Park can now seat 47,600, and the club has sold about 40,000 season tickets for the coming season. Last season Celtic had 29,500 season ticket holders, up from the 18,500 registered in the previ-

Celtic says that all its publishing, broadcasting, cater-ing, branded merchandise and Pools operations had shown increases in sales.

The ordinary shares were unchanged yesterday at £275 against the issue price of £64 in September 1995. The club is worth £116 million on the stock market. Net assets at the end of June were £31.3 million against £29 million in 1995.

Holders of the preference shares, which carry the right to a fixed 6 per cent dividend, have seen an increase from

billion and a 10 per cent

market share. This compares

with expected 1996 premiums

of DMS00 million at Munich

Re's own US unit, Munich

Pressure increased last

month on the US firm to

merge with a larger group

after General Re Corp, its

rival, assimilated fellow-rein-

Ofgas shifts

TransCo

deadline

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITISH GAS will have to

wait until next Wednesday to

hear the pricing curbs to be

imposed on TransCo, its pipe-

line business, after the regula-

tor delayed an announcement

The final word on the pric-

ing proposals, first outlined by

Clare Spottiswoode in May, was supposed to have been delivered today. But on Mon-

day Ms Spottiswoode ordered

re-writing of parts of the report

on. The delays have prompted

speculation that Ofgas is

moderating its initial propos-

als, which angered the com-

pany and shareholders. Ms Spottiswoode's initial

proposals planned a one-off

cut for TransCo's prices next

year of between 20 and 28 per

cent and thereafter RPI-5 per

cent for four years. Her figures

were on Tuesday broadly mir-

rored by the electricity regula-

tor's proposals for the National Grid. Price curbs for

the transmission business are

planned at a one-off charge

next year of between 20 per

cent and 26 per cent and RPI-4 for three years thereafter.

Group says Ofgas should de-

liver a pricing review at least

The Energy Intensive Users

a process that is still going

for the third time.

surer National Re Corp.

American Re.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Granada moves to split media arm

GRANADA, the ITV company, said it intends to launch an animation business and is exploring ways of putting a music channel on the Internet. The two projects were announced yesterday as Granada unveiled a reorganisation of Granada Media Group, the TV division that holds the Granada and

The overhaul will split Granada Media's activities into a programme-making arm, called Granada International Productions, and a broadcasting and airtime sales arm. called Granada UK Broadcasting. Two new businesses. Granada Media Products and Granada Vision, will develop new media and international broadcasting markets. Duncan Lewis. Mercury Communications chief executive, who became Granada Media's chief executive earlier this year, said an animation products are "culturally neutral" and would sell well overseas. Internet music is one of the concepts

Lonrho ends Gencor bid

LONRHO has abandoned the fight to merge its platinum interests with Gencor, the South African mining group. In May the European Commission blocked the proposed merger with Gencor's Impala Platinum. Now Lonrho has decided to opt out of Gencor's appeal against the action. The EC competition authorities feared the creation of a duopoly in platinum, which is used in catalytic convertors for vehicles. Lonrho is believed to have been loath to take on the Commission over a deal that is not central to its efforts to split into separate mining, hotel and

Cheaper housebuying

BUYING a home is at its most affordable since 1978, according to results of the TSB housing affordability index. A single person is spending an average of £25.40 of every £100 of take home pay on their mortgage, down from £30.90 in August 1995. For a first-time buyer the amount is £21.10 (£21.90). The TSB's figures show that the cost burden of home ownership peaked in 1990 when a single person spent an average of £65.30 of every £100 in take home pay on their home loan. The bank believes the figures will continue to improve for the rest of this year, but will begin to deteriorate around Christmas.

Kvaerner changes

KVAERNER has established a new structure for its UKbased oil and gas activities after the takeover of Trafalgar House in April. A new company, Kvaerner Oil & Gas, will combine its existing two businesses in the sector with two Trafalgar House subsidiaries. The company will be based in Aberdeen and will be headed by Syd Fudge. formerly managing director of Trafalgar House's UKbased oil and gas operations. It will also have offices in London and fabrication and operational facilities in Teesside, Lowestoft and Fife.

Newsquest faces MMC

THE Government yesterday referred Newsquest's £305 million purchase of Westminster Press, the regional newspaper company sold by Pearson, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The MMC is expected to approve the purchase because there is very little overlap between the Newsquest and Westminster Press titles. As a matter of course, most newspaper purchases are referred to the MMC. Newsquest, which is controlled by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts. the leveraged buyout specialist in New York, intends to keep expanding in the UK regional newspaper market.

Singer 'not for sale'

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER, one of the UK's few remaining independent merchant banks, yesterday denied reports that it had put itself up for sale. Reports suggested that Germany's Commerzbank was a potential bidder. Many of the City's leading merchant banks have been taken over, usually by foreign financial institutions seeking a foothold in London. They include Kleinwort Benson and Morgan Grenfell, bought by Germans banks, and SG Warburg, which is Swiss-owned. Singer & Friedlander shares rose 32p to 1192p.

Thomas Cook pledge

THOMAS COOK, the travel company, has pledged this Saturday to offer customers a better deal on French francs than any of its rivals. It will charge no commission on franc sales and is promising to pay a better exchange rate than any of its competitors. Thomas Cook said anyone going to France this summer should buy their currency on Saturday. When the firm ran a similar peseta day promotion earlier this year, sales and orders for Spanish money jumped by more than

Therapeutic loss grows

THERAPEUTIC ANTIBODIES, the biotechnology company that uses a sheep's bloodstream to produce antibodies for the treatment of drug overdoses and snake bites, yesterday reported a net loss of \$7.1 million in the half-year to the end of June (\$3.8 million loss). Turnover rose 33 per cent to \$391,000. The bigger loss came after a 67 per cent rise in R&D. The company, floated last month on the London Stock Exchange, said its research programmes were progressing well and that its anti-venom products were growing strongly.

War games advance

GAMES WORKSHOP, the war games specialist whose main products are miniature lead soldiers and monsters for complex board games, yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £8.87 million, up 47 per cent, in the year to June 2 on sales that rose 40 per cent to £44.9 million. The final dividend rises to 4.8p, making the total dividend 6.8p, up 31 per cent. The record results came from strong overseas growth. Sales in Funder use 69 per cent and the company opened another 25 Europe rose 69 per cent and the company opened another 25 stores, most of them outside Britain.

Wagner says several takeover approaches have been received

MAID seeks further alliances



MAID, the online computer company, said yesterday it was confident of signing new strate-

gic alliances to add to recent deals to supply services to CompuServe, IBM and Forte. Dan Wagner, lounder and chief executive, added that the company had received frequent takeover approaches but was happy to continue on an independent course at present. Mr Wagner would not say which companies had shown an interest in buying MAID, although recent market speculation has centred on Reuters Holdings.

came as the company unveiled

By Alasdair Murray

an interim £3.3 million loss, compared with profits of £408,000 last year. MAID said the loss reflected heavy investment costs. The company does not expect a further increase in operating costs as the expansion programme is complete. An increased presence in the US and Europe helped turnover to rise 65 per cent to £9.6 million. The company added 1,200 new corporate subscribers in the first six months of number in the full year for Mr Wagner's comments 1995.

MAID also revealed details of its new international execu-tive division, designed to supervise the group's global strategy and development. It will be headed by Mr Wagner and will oversee activity in North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific, MAID's base in London will be run by Derek Smith who becomes managing director. The North American business will be run by Jason Mollé while Ciaran Morton will act as president of Asia-Pacific.

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Lloyds Chemists

☐ SOME people are so terribly naive. The stock market has somehow gained the impression

that both the rival bidders for Lloyds Chemists, the country's second-biggest chain of pharmacies, have lost some of their enthusiasm for the business.

Their initial offers and in this

Their initial offers earlier this

year raised clear competition

issues in both retail and whole-sale pharmaceuticals markets,

and there was great doubt whether they would be allowed.

Instead, a deeply-split Monopo-lies and Mergers Commission

waved them through less than a sponth ago with relatively trivial conditions attached. One might have expected Lloyds shares to have jumped, to reflect the market's relief. But the price has fallen Why?

Neither Gehe, the German owner in this country of the AAH

business, nor Unichem, the rival

bidder, will discuss their intentions. Instead, a sniping campaign, conducted in whispers around the City and in parts of

the financial press, seems to have been designed to rubbish the

opposition while gently talking down the price that Lloyds may

Both have until October 18 to

comply with the conditions im-

posed, requiring them to find

acceptable buyers for much of Lloyds's wholesale business. If

their respective stances can be

eventually be worth.

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By Sarah Cunningham SKIRMISHING broke out in the Lloyds Chemists takeover battle yesterday, with Gehe of Germany saying it is close to fulfilling the requirements

that will allow it to re-bid. The DII last month ruled that rival bids by Gehe and UniChem, which had been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. could not go ahead unless

buyers could be identified for some of Lloyds' pharmaceutical wholesaling depots. Gehe has until October 18 to find buyers for seven depots, while Unichem must find buyers for

Karl-Gerhard Eick, chief financial officer of Gehe, said the company hopes within two to three weeks to present its list of buyers. UniChem said it remained hopeful of fulfilling the DTI conditions, but would

Lloyds Chemists re-bid nearer give no indication of when. Gehe yesterday reported a 48 per cent jump in operating profits to £24.5 million in the six months to June 30 at AAH, the UK pharmaceuticals wholesaler it bought last year. Herr Eick said that Gehe is continuing to re-assess the value of Lloyds in the light of a profits warning in early July. but said: "Despite everything, we are still very interested in

acquiring the business."

judged at all, then Gehe is doing more to talk down expectations than its rival. It is said that the loss of the wholesale business will deprive any eventual purchaser of £3 million of annual profits, rising perhaps beyond £5 million if potential cost savings are taken into account.

It is said that a couple of gloomy trading statements from Lloyds, which have scaled back analysts' profits forecasts by £10 million to £50 million for the year just ended, make the business time, will have to be pitched well above this level. Investors would be very foolish to pay too much heed to any further posturing in The good news is really good news

THERE is no reason to feel bad just because a few more people are able to share in the economic expansion. Only City pessimists worry over such things. Growth in average earnings, steady at 33 per cent since February, has merely failed to fall back to 3.5 per cent, as the surprising (and false) pro**PENNINGTON**

☐ Lloyds Chemists still set for takeover ☐ Wage rises no threat to inflation ☐ Wagner confounds City doubters

Watering down the medicine



visional figures for May suggested it would. With inflation at 2.5 to 3 per cent, it would be seriously bad for the economy at this stage if earnings were not making headway in real terms. Manufacturing earnings have been growing at between 4 and

412 per cent for more than a year. Thankfully, real pay in service industries has now also stopped falling at last. But the labour market as a whole is still helping

to cut inflation.

Pessimists still worry about the higher than expected fall in unemployment in July, taking it down from 7.7 to 7.6 per cent. If you accept the Bank of England line on sustainable growth, which underlies its interest rate advice to the Chancellor, then

any fall in dole queues below about 8 per cent risks stoking up pay demands and strikes, and accelerating inflation.

Over the year to end-March. however, there was hardly any net increase in employment in spite of the number of those claiming benefit falling most months. This subdued picture is unlikely to have changed in the second quarter. Among men, who took most of the jobs in industries sensitive to pay inflation, unemployment is still running above 10 per cent. Strikes are on the increase,

true. But the serious ones are in the public sector, where pay is dictated not by the labour market but by the Treasury's need to keep public spending down artificially at its employees' expense. This would seem to be storing up trouble for the next Chancellor, if not before the election.

In the private sector there is little sign of inflationary pres-sure. That may not comfort City types who assume that Eddie George will use a temporary rise in retail price inflation, expected today, and falling unemployment to tip the balance in favour

of a pre-emptive rise in interest rates. But logically, if they have faith in the Bank's view they should also believe that a small rate rise now will avoid worse later on — and would therefore be good for asset values.

When mistakes are MAID

☐ IN THE City, Dan Wagner was the client from Hell. Small companies, especially high technology stocks, always come to market with an unshakeable belief in their own worth. The next few months provide a series of road-calming measures that bring them back down to earth. Mr Wagner's online financial

information business MAID arrived as the hostest thing yet. The shares were floated in March 1990 at 110p. Within a couple of months, they were worth less than half that, and Mr Wagner was spitting blood. His advisers bore the brunt of his anger for their failure to ensure the share price reflected his view of the value of his company. He also accused his bigger competitors of

a conspiracy to break his company. So far, so unwise. He acquired a reputation as a troublesome 1980s-style yuppie whose business was destined for an ignominious collapse. How curious that he is now fending off rumours of takeover bids from those same big online rivals. In spite of mounting losses, his company has come of age. Customers are growing at an exponential rate, the 1,200 added in the first half doubling the subscriber base. Costs have risen to cope with this, but the first profits are due next year.

Three things can happen now. Those competitors can use their commercial clout to crush the upstart. They might or might not be successful— its product is better than much of the competition. They can try to buy the company, but the board has 40 per cent and will not come cheap. Or they can leave him to build the havinger further the successful. the business further through strategic alliances. The shares were 271p last night; that price may be impossible to relate to any normal investment criterion, and their progress so far has

But we probably need more people like Dan Wagner, who has put together a business from scratch without recourse to a series of financially-driven takeovers. And one or two people in the City owe him an apology.



just ended, make the business

less valuable. It is even hinted

that the sale by the wife of the

Lloyds chairman of shares worth

£13.5 million while the offers were with the MMC means even

the Lloyds camp is worried about the value of the business.

Gehe, a German quoted com-pany with no real reason to lift its

skirts and give its competitors

inside information, chose to re-

lease figures from AAH yes-

terday. These provided the

opportunity to make some comparisons that were not

This is significant, because

Gehe was offering cash last time,

while Unichem went for cash

flattering to Unichem.

City Centre to expedite food outlets

CITY CENTRE Restaurants is accelerating its expansion programme in the next six months, aiming to open 34 new restaurants and converting eight established outlets to new brands (Alasdair Murray writes).

City Centre, best-known for its Deep Pan Pizza. Garfunkels and Nachos chains, yesterday unveiled a 2 per cent increase in halfyear profits, to £6.4 million. Turnover increased by 18 per cent, to £61 million.

The company said profits were held back by heavy investment in new outlets, totalling £870,000. It has a policy of writing off all investment as it occurs. The dividend was main-

tained at 0.45p, payable on October 11. Shares slipped llp. to 117p, as analysts downgraded forecasts.

Generator waiting game for Treasury

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Treasury has no imme- held in some regional electricdiate plans to unload its British Energy shares in spite of its commitment to a programme launched last year to sell off its debt and equity in privatised industries.

The Treasury has been left holding more than 12 per cent of the nuclear generator's shares after the company's flotation proved a disappointment and the shares plunged to a discount on the first day of trading. Now the Treasury will have to wait for the market to pick up before selling on the shares. A large sale now is likely to depress an already fragile price, which yesterday stood at 101½ p, only fractionally up on the 100p paid by private investors.

Last year the Treasury launched a scheme to sell its stakes in the privatised industries. It has since sold stakes

ity companies and water companies. However, it still has a scattering of interests across the privatised utilities, including 34 million shares in Nat-ional Power and 22 million in PowerGen.

BZW, co-ordinator of British Energy's flotation, yester-day confirmed that banks in the sale syndicate would have to buy back some of the shares sold to institutions if those investment bodies sold before November 22.

The banks had agreed to underwrite sales to some institutions in order to secure share allocations. The arrangement, which will be policed by the Department of Trade and Industry, stabilises the price of British Energy, meaning that if institutions bale out of the shares, the banks will have to

Surprise for City from JRA

J ROTHSCHILD Assurance Holdings (JRA), the life company founded in 1991 by Sir Mark Weinberg and Lord Rothschild, yesterday surprised the mar-ket with better than expected half-year results (Robert Miller writes).

New life and pensions

business in the six months to June 30 jumped 64 per cent to £39.7 million, helping the insurer to a post-tax half-time profit of £4.1 million against £1 million last time. Sir Mark said: "The results are a positive indi-cation that the bad position for the life industry appears to be in the past."

The group's Life Assur-ance Holding Corporation (LAHC), which acquires ailing or underperforming life offices, reported a E7.8 million pre-tax profit.

Glynwed knocked by fall in metals prices

By Sarah Cunningham

LOWER metals prices and difficult trading conditions at me and abroad hit first-half profits at Glynwed, the engineering group based in Birmingham. The company reported pre-

tax profits down 3.1 per cent to £40.2 million from £41.5 million a year ago. Glynwed's shares slid 18p to 332p as analysts revised down

their forecasts for the full year from around £94 million to E86 million. The dividend for the six months ending June 29 is being maintained at 4.4p per ordinary share. It will be paid

on December 4. On top of the sharp fall in metals prices, a cut in capital

equities market had yet to top

0.5 per cent. It still hopes its

order-driven trading system

will reach its break-even level

of a 2 per cent share by the

Tradepoint launched its

trading system last Septem-ber. Full-year results released

end of next year.

spending by British and German industrialists had a negative impact on Glynwed's industrial piping business. This was exacerbated by a fall in demand from the UK gas industry.

However, Glynwed's results were bolstered by an £8.3 million operating profit from the Victaulic water pipes businesses it bought a year ago. The stepped-up programme

of pipe repairs and replacement of mains supply systems by the UK water industry. which looks set to continue, helped demand in that side of the business.

There was also some good news from the company's consumer products side, which includes Aga-Rayburn industrial cookers, where demand

The group's turnover was £677.3 million, up 11.2 per cent from £609.2 million. Net earnings per share were down 16.9 per cent at 10.99p compared with 13.23p in the same period

last year. The company has restructured into three divisions: metals (processing and distribution): pipe systems: and consumer and construction products. Glynwed said the new structure should sharpen its focus. It is also continuing to look for opportunities to non-core

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Tradepoint loses £5.6m

TRADEPOINT, the firm that yesterday, covering the first six months of operation. showed a loss of £5.68 million. broke the London Stock Exchange's monopoly on UK Michael Waller-Bridge, chief share trading last year, has so executive, said that 41 firms far failed to make a serious had now signed up. By automatically matching buyimpact on the market.
The AIM-listed group said ers and sellers, Tradepoint that its daily share of the UK eliminates the need to pay

market-makers commission. Tradepoint's maiden sales were £77,700. Annual costs totalled £5.91 million, against £4.14 million last time. Its shares held to 130p yesterday. 45p below the price of the April placing.



picked up. The growth in pub

catering also helped commer-

Gareth Davies, chairman,

said that the company was

hoping for better economic

conditions to revive its for-

tunes. "In the UK, consumer

spending is rising and hous-

ing markets are becoming

more active," he said. "Provid-

ed that the anticipated im-

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Waller-Bridge: "below par"

in AIM deal By Fraser Nelson CAPITAL & Western Estates,

Capital set

on Net gain

a property company listed on AIM. yesterday announced EI4 million of deals that will see it acquire one of its quoted rivals and then turn itself into an Internet access provider. Through a complex series of

share transactions, C&W is buying fellow property minnow Ballynatray, also on AIM, and the privately-owned Global Internet. The deals value Ballynatray at more than £8 million, and Global Internet at about £6 million. Although C&W's manage-

ment has no track record in Internet technology management, the company said it has been looking for an acquisition to escape from the moribund housing market. Global is owned and run by Jan Murray, who founded PC World, the computer chain sold to Dixons in 1993.

Shares in Ballynatray rose p, to 6 p. yesterday, while C&W's shares were suspended at 25 p. After a consolidation, shares in the new enlarged



Cookson faces relegation in FT-SE 100 reshuffle

DEALERS took particular interest in Cookson, the indus-trial materials company, yesterday. It is at the centre of an FT-SE 100 reshuffle after

the Thorn EMI demerger. Cookson has until the close of business today to vacate the bottom ranking position in the FT-SE 100, otherwise it will be relegated to the FT-SE mid-

On Monday morning Thorn EMI, whose music interests include records of Tina Turner and Queen, will be taken out of the top index and relisted separately as Thorn and EMI. This increase in numbers would make the index the FT-SE 101 and hence the share with the lowest market capitalisation. at the moment Cookson, has to drop out.

But the game is not over yet for Cookson, it will be able to hold on to the prestige of being a FT-SE 100 company if it can push past Courtaulds or Southern Electric who occupy the two places ahead of it. The good news so far for Cookson is that both rivals traded down yesterday. Courtaulds fell from 441p to 437p, and Southern Electric from 693p to 692p. The bad news is that Cookson failed to catch up, falling from 257p to 250p, after a critical report from NatWest.

Whoever has to leave the top index will have another chance at the next scheduled reshuffle in September. But unlike today's impromptu reshuffle caused by a demerger. anyone trying to get access to the FT-SE 100 then will have to prove long-term potential by ranking 90th or better.

Any such changes will naturally have a knock-on effect on the FT-SE mid-250, which will also have to lose one listing. Amongst the frontrunners to be relegated are Inspec. Berisford and Redrow.

Yesterday also saw a separate reshuffle at the 350 mark. Bellway, the building company, celebrated its inclusion in the mid-250 index with a 12p rise to 319p. Southern Water, who it replaced, fell from 1032p to 1030p.

Meanwhile, on the alternative stock market, newcomer Barbican Healthcare record-

ed a 6p premium at 68p.

Analysts were yesterday hit
by more economic data which, if anything, pointed to interest rate rises rather than rate cuts. Uk jobless figures for June fell 24,100, compared with forecasts of a fall of around 10,000.



Tina Turner & Co will get a new listing on Monday

Average earnings grew 3.75 per cent rather than the 3.5 per cent expected. While the impending election may stop aggressive rate rises, the longterm upwards trend remains.

But construction companies, whose orders are particularly sensitive to interest rates, felt no dramatic fall-out. In fact, they were lifted by new hopes that German interest

were published yesterday. Shell scrapped plans to sink the Brent Spar a year ago amid international pressure and after environmental group Greenpeace occupied the platform. Brent Spar has been floating in a fiord in Norway ever since.

One of the proposals sug-gests another burial of the Brent Spar on the sea bed.

London & Edinburgh Publishing, which produces guides and brochures for sporting events, makes its AIM debut today. Anyone convinced that the Olympics will be held in Britain eventually may want to contact the nominated brokers Fiske & Co. At an opening price of 10p the company will be capitalised at £3 million.

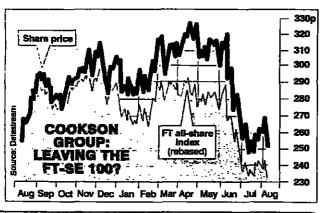
rates would be cut soon. Redland went up from 423p to 430p. Brandon Hire was up lp to 128p, after its interim

Having only just recovered from the annual meeting in May. Shell, the oil giant, might be heading for more troubled waters. Thirty pro-posals by companies bidding for the contract to dispose of the Brent Spar oil platform

Greenpeace is now involved in a consulatation process with Shell, but if the environmental activists don't succeed another protest could get underway. Shell shares fell from 9282 p to

Shares in MAID, the online business information provider, rose 3p to 27ip after the second quarter to June results report. Half-year turnover rose to £9.6 million from £5.8

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ing in the first quarter to March and £5.1 million in the second quarter to June. Analysts were amused by

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chief executive Dan Wagner's comment. He said: "We have built the infrastructure, now we're going for account wins. We are now well on track for the lofty analysts' forecasts made, we are very confident of

Wagner continued that more alliance partners are expected to be secured in the coming months. The company already has strategic alliances agreed with IBM, Forte Hotels

Pearson hardened 7p more to 675p, helped by a positive review from Credit Lyonnais Laing, who gave a break-up value of 872p.

Nick Ward, Credit Lyonnais

Laing's media analyst, said the valuation could rise as high as 990p per share were the group to embark on a major disposal programme. He said if the group sold its book publishing businesses. its French and Spanish news-paper arms, Mindscape, its software business and Lazard. its merchant bank, and then invested the proceeds in the development of Pearson Television, the Financial Times, FT Information, and Tussauds, the 990p valuation

could be achieved. Merchant banks attracted renewed speculative activity as Singer & Friedlander saw a 32p rise to 1192p, in spite of a denial of bid reports. The interest rubbed off on Schroders at 134Sp. up 20p. Singer & Friedlander said that "there is no basis of truth whatsoever" in press reports that the company has offered itself for sale.

The FT-SE 100 index, off over 10 points at the outset. closed at 3830.3, up 6.9. ☐ GILT-EDGED: The larger-than-expected rise in unemployment and average earnngs sent gilt futures down a half-point. The September gilt future closed at £107 1932. down 1532 on Tuesday's close. Short sterling futures also turned tail. The December contract dropped five basis points to 94.10, the September contract lost four ticks to 94.17. □ NEW YORK: Shares registered modest gains in a quiet session that saw technology issues slightly outperform. At midday the Dow Jones indus-trial average was up 11.10 points at 5,658.38.

MAJOR INDICES **TEMPUS** New York (midday): Dow Jones _______ 5658,38 (+11.10) COM Composite _____ 661.57 (+1.37)

FOR LONRHO, the flotation of the
Metropole hotels should be the easy part of
carving up the group. Hotels are the flavour
of the month and a sale of the business will
enable Longho to repay borrowings and
improve the cashflow profile of the core
mining business. That leaves Lonrho with a
dilemma: should it sell shares in the African
trading business, providing a cash dow'ry for
Lonrho's mining engineers to spend on
acquisitions: or should it hand over a share

Lonrho shareholder? The latter could lead to a shareholder rout. Lonrho's chief executive, Dieter Bock, is a fan of the African empire and plans to raise his stake from 18 per cent to 25 per cent when he takes over the reins. But many investors are in Lonrho for the gold and the hotels. Invest-

certificate in the trading company to each

Cutting the cake ments in agriculture and car dealerships. with accompanying currency risks, are not to their taste. Handed a share certificate, many would dump the stock at the first opportunity. The alternative is to sell shares to new

investors. Emerging market funds are not spoilt for choice of vehicles in which to capitalise on a bullish view of growth in Africa. Lonrho's trading companies provide an easily packaged share quoted on the London Stock Exchange. But a sale of the trading business raises the thorny problem of the surplus cash. Lonrho's mining business is more investment trust than operating company, with shares in Ashanti. Duiker and other mining businesses. Handing a wad of cash to the management to invest would be a nice present, but Lonrho shareholders might jib. After years of weak performance, they might demand some money back.

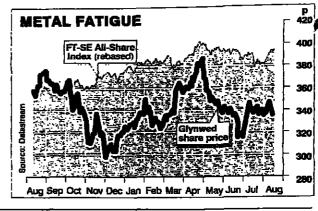
Glynwed

AFTER two years in the fast lane Glynwed is back in the slow lane, its brief career as an engineering growth story brought to an end by weak stainless steel prices. Its distribution business, Glynwed Metal Services, suffered a 50 per cent collapse in profits as falling metal prices reduced its profits. Stainless prices seem to be on the rise again but the setback was enough to spoil the profits advance at Victaulic, the plastic pipe

Glynwed suffered a prolonged recession and investors endured five years without a dividend increase. A surge in exports in 1994 lifted the metal basher out of the doldrums and the acquisition of Victaulic was oppor-tune, allowing Glynwed to cash in as the water industry - under a hail of consumer

outrage - rushed to mend leaky pipes. Demand from the water

companies is keeping order books full but Glynwed is still buffeted by every gust of wind from the wider economy. The answer ought to be a wider geographic spread of businesses but Glynwed has yet to find a pipes business in Europe or Asia to complement Victaulic.Comforting sounds about a consumer recovery and increased sales of Aga cookers are not enough to justify buying the shares on a market rating. If Glynwed was truly confident, it would have increased the dividend. This is a conservative metal basher that has seen its hopes dashed too



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THERE was just enough good news buried in BICC's results to take the edge off the disappointment of its firsthalf loss. The exceptional charges, and particularly the writedown of £35 million on the Spitalfields development look generous and offer hope that they will be sufficient for the time being.

Profit before exceptionals was actually up from \$60 million to £63 million and the cable business is looking a lot leaner and healthier than it did a year ago. A further 525 million of rationalisations and asset writedowns in KWO, the German cable manufacturer, was unfortunate as the company put funds aside earlier to pay for 1.000 German redundancies.

The biggest headache is construction with tough com-petition squeezing UK margins to nil. BICC has begun tackling the problem with an overhaul of Balfour Beatty's management, but the com-

pany admits that UK and foreign orders in the pipeline will not be of help until 18 months down the road.

Investors long to see BICC firing on both its cylinders construction and cable. But the weak construction market means that day is still distant and the shares could continue their rollercoaster ride for some time.

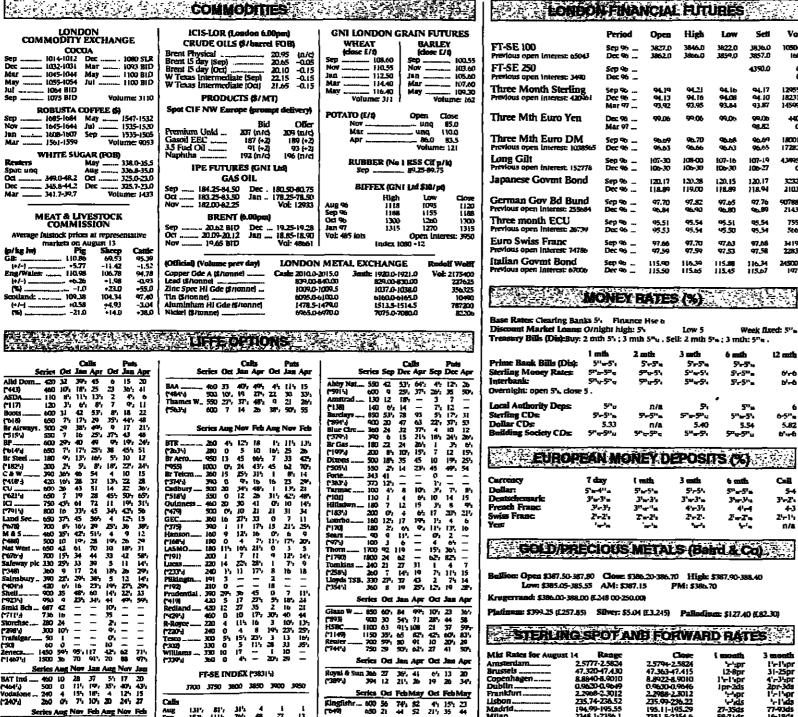
Tradepoint

THE people most interested in yesterday's figures from Tradepoint, the tyro investment exchange, are not the company's investors but its rival, the London Stock Exchange. Tradepoint tried to gloss over the appalling level of business it is doing but the figures look grim. On a reasonable day it is trading In order to break even -Tradepoint has operating costs of £6 million per year the exchange needs to be processing bargains worth £50-

The establishment worthies in the Stock Exchange Tower have no reason to look smug as they contemplate their own plans to set up a rival order-driven exchange. Lack of success by Tradepoint bodes ill for the success of their own investment and begs the question as to why two systems are needed when one looks too many. Tradepoint's lack of business is not surprising. Securities houses need liquidity to trade but Tradepoint lacks liquidity and is ignored, thus comleting the circle.

Breaking out of that cycle requires an act of will by institutional shareholders. They have every reason to see Tradepoint succeed as they will not be allowed to trade directly on the Stock Exchange rival system. Anonymity is a useful tool for a fund manager. Unless they want all their dealings known to the market, they should support Tradepoint

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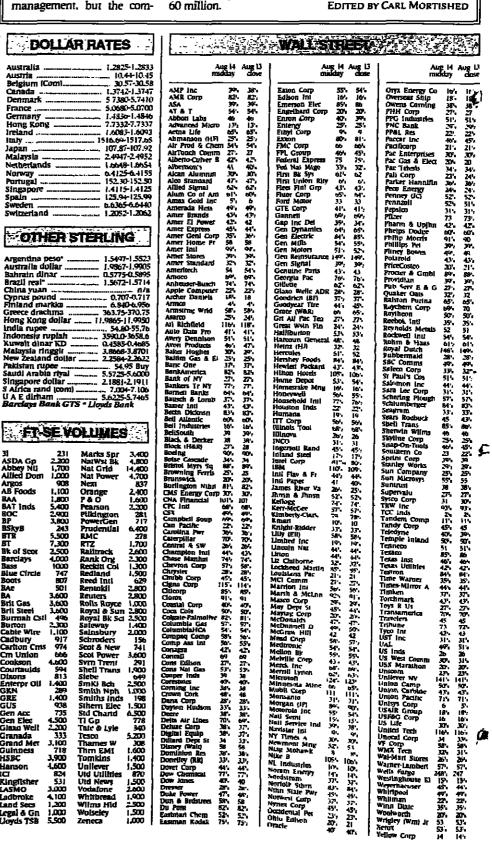


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In the frame for a ticket

INDEPENDENT Insurance really ought to consider taking out one of its own special events insurance policies for the firm's next photo-shoot.

Posing next to a fleet of shiny new Metrocabs. sponsored by Independent Insurance. Michael Bright, the chief executive, and Garth Ramsay, the chairman, looked just the picture for yesterday's interim results.

Then two zealous traffic wardens walked onto the scene, and no amount of cajolery could dissuade ei-ther of them from plastering parking tickets on two of the cabs as well as the transporter that they arri-

Maps win vote

A SMALL Bath company has won a \$42,000 contract to provide maps of San Diego for this week's Republican Party convention. Compass Maps, which only started exporting its "pop-out" maps six months ago, has sold 30,000 of its collapsible variety to be handed out among Bob Dole's Repub-lican Party faithful Meanwhile, the company has sold a measly 2,500 maps for \$10,000 to the Demo-cratic Party which will be holding its convention in a fortnight's time. According to Derek Darcey, director of Compass Maps: "The Republican Party would be lost without us."

DISPOSALS are looming at the gas cookers and water pipes manufacturer Glynwed but the chief executive, Bruce Ralph, sought to reassure the the metals business would not be starved of investment. "It will," he said at the presentation of interim results, "remain a central plank of our threelegged stool."



Mogford: has acquired West End's longest bar

AS the co-owner of Rules

Courts bought

in Covent Garden until 1988. Jeremy Mogford had many an argy-bargy with the "beaks" in that area over extended licensing hours for the restaurant. To avoid similar difficulties with the opening of his new 340-seater Browns restaurant in the same area, Mogford, the distinguished topiarist and owner of Browns Restaurants. has discovered the ultimate solution. Backed by the Royal Bank of Scotland, he has bought the Westminster Courts, which boasts the longest bar in the West End - as a home for what will be the eighth and biggest Browns. So will it be next year that he converts to plc

In a flap

status?

SOUNDS like Scottish Widows Investment Management has found an investment that will fly. Poised to make its first investment in Brazil, Swim's wings are in a flap over a farm that produces genetically engineered chickens that are almost twice the normal weight. They weigh in at around seven pounds. According to David Park, head of Swim's international equities outside Europe, who is just back from a visit to Brazil, this looks like a long-term investment.

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ANATOLE KALETSKY

Will the Bundesbank finally abandon the monetarist ship?

Germany considers next week whether

to cut interest rates. The decision

has far-reaching consequences

as the Bundesbank finally come to its senses? I had started to write an article about the dangers to the world economy from the growing possibility that the dollar's long-term upward trend might be temporarily reversed. Then suddenly yesterday morning the Bundesbank knocked away the major premiss of my argument.

When Otmar Issing, the Bundesbank chief economist, told the International Herald Tribune that "an appreciation of the D-mark does not fit into the current economic landscape", and added that the German economic recovery "is not yet robust", he was merely stating the obvious. But coming from Europe's most erratic economic institution, such elementary common sense inspired an amazing insight: perhaps, after all, the Bundesbank is not hell-bent on an irrational cam-paign of global sabotage and national self-destruction.

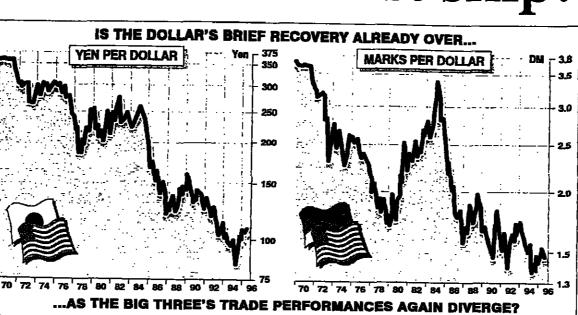
For months, if not years now, every rational observer of the global economy has agreed that Germany and the world both badly need lower German interest rates and a weaker mark. But the idea that the Bundesbank might finally have come to understand this self-evident truth was so astonishing that almost nobody I spoke to yester-day was willing to believe that Dr Issing really meant what he said. After all. Dr Issing himself told another paper only a few days earlier that the German economy was doing well, that a small cut in interest rates would not be beneficial and that the Bundesbank's policy would continue to be governed by the money supply.

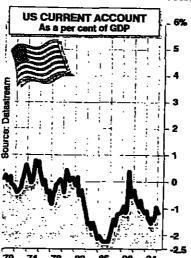
The Bundesbank is the only central bank that still claims to operate by the monetarist theories discredited and abandoned in every other country. It is like the court of Pope Urban VIII, which continued to believe that the earth was flat after everybody else had realised it was round and revolved around the sun.

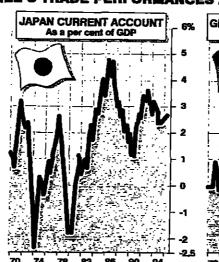
Given this difference in philosophical outlook, it is hardly surprising that the Bundesbank consistently does the opposite of what markets and other central bankers expect - and that so few people yesterday were willing to believe in the sincerity of Dr Issing's recantation.

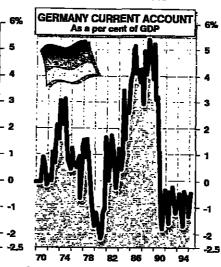
The sceptics may well prove right, although I personally think it was significant that yesterday's statement came from Dr Issing rather than from Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank President. Dr Issing has long been the main opponent of monetary easing, as well as the most convinced monetarist, on the Bundesbank council. He is generally believed to have been the leader of the hardline faction at last month's council meeting, which dissuaded Herr Tietmeyer from pressing for

In addition, Dr Issing has repeatedly made it clear that he strongly opposes the plan to submerge the mark in a European Monetary Union. Thus a comment from him implying that he is having second thoughts about the tightness of German monetary policy and the strength of the mark, may actually carry more weight in the present conjuncture than a similar









remark from Herr Tietmeyer, who is all point to a stronger dollar in the long known as an internationalist and an advocate of monetary union.

One way or another, we will know soon enough whether Dr Issing was serious. The Bundesbank's next council meeting is a week from today. If there is then no rate cut those who believe that Germany is living in a pre-Copernican world will have their fears confirmed.

The implications for Europe and the entire world economy will be dire. If, businessmen will be able to think again

about long-term economic trends. Why does so much rest on the Bundesbank's decision? Because currency markets this summer seem to have reached

a point of inflexion. If

sabotage 9 they continue to move direction as they have for the past year. with the dollar steadily rising while the yen and the European currencies return towards more competitive levels, the world economic recovery will gain further momentum and will

spread to Europe and Japan. Unemployment would start to fall dramatically in Europe from next year onwards, the Japanese banks would gradually haul themselves out of bankruptcy, the emerging economies could be integrated further into the free trade system and the global economic upswing could continue without serious interruptions until the end of the decade. If, on the other hand, the dollar now starts to weaken, its fall could become precipitous, especially against the mark. The reason for this, ironically, is that the economic fundamentals run. The trouble is that the fundamental reasons for a strong dollar have become so obvious and widely accepted that investors around the world have built up large speculative positions in

Essentially there are two lines of argument for a stronger dollar, which I have been repeating in this column since late 1994. First, the dollar remains deeply undervalued in terms of relative labour costs, and especially the relative cost and quality of skilled rate cut, the world can heave a sigh of labour, which is the main determinant relief. Financial markets may focus of long-term competitiveness among again on fundamental values and the advanced nations. Secondly, the

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long-term changes in technology, demo-graphics, fiscal policy and the structure of world trade are now more favorable to America than they are to Japan and Europe. In addition. I believe there is a third strong reason for the dollar to keep rising in the long term. This is that Eu-

rope's long-term investors such as pension funds (as opposed to shortterm speculators) are extremely "short" of American equities and will eventually become buyers of dollars on an enormous scale. But since I have not met a single financial analyst who agrees, I shall not labour this point at

the moment. But whatever one thinks of these long-term arguments for a strong dollar, there is no denying the American currency is vulnerable in the short term. The dynamics of financial markets are such that even if speculators are "right" on economic grounds to buy dollars, they could decide to reverse their positions rapidly if the Bundesbank plays its cards wrongly. The danger of such a reversal is particularly clear today because the

improvement of the US trade deficit has temporarily stalled (largely, I suspect, because of the strength of demand in America and weak growth in Europe).

In fact, if the Bundesbank acts as foolishly next week as the Bank of Japan did last spring, Germany could suffer from a run into its currency every bit as disastrous as the one that hit Japan. The consequences would not, of course, be identical. Germany's banks would not suffer a financial meltdown (although I have heard reports from well-placed sources that many of the second-tier German banks could prove as vulnerable to a combination of recession and deregulation as the American savings and loans turned out to be 10 years ago). Instead Germany would be threatened by an industrial disaster, as its traditional manufacturing industries became completely uncompetitive in world markets.

To make matters much worse, the malignant hardening of the mark would quickly spread its cancerous effects to the rest of Europe. France would obviously be the first victim, unless President Chirac made good on the vague threats about cutting loose from the mark that have circulated in Paris in the past few days. And, in the unlikely event that President Chirac did have the good sense to sever the franc-mark link, this would strike a second massive blow against German

One senior European central banker recently put it like this: if the mark strengthened and France abandoned the franc fort "a crisis for Europe would become a catastrophe for

Germany".

Will the Bundesbank risk triggering such a catastrophe? The world will find out next Thursday, but I shall be on holiday for two weeks in the west of freland. I will be back to survey the wreckage on September 5.

Banking on the desired outcome for Irish TSB

Eileen McCabe looks at the prospects

for the sale of the state-run institution

overhaul of the Irish Republic's state banking sector has now been whittled down to one issue. How can Ruairi Quinn, Ireland's Finance Minister, sell the Trustee Savings Bank (TSB) to the National Australia Bank when Ulster Bank, a NatWest Bank subsidiary, is probably pre-pared to pay a higher price? The lengthy process of reports, committees and negotiation on the future of solution of the interest three banks — the TSB, the Agricultural Credit Corpo-ration (ACC) and the Indus-trial Credit Corporation (ICC) - will end at the Cabinet meeting on September 4. The role of the state banking sector was thrust into the spotlight two years ago when the National Australia

Bank and the Ulster Bank both made offers of more than IrE100 million for TSB. Mr Quinn, a Labour Party member, was widely believed to want to engineer the disposal of the three banks in such a way that the state would continue to exer-

cise some influence over developments, particularly in relation to banking access for the lowpaid and those on social welfare. However, it now appears

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need some deft footwork to get that political expediency the outcome day, with the

vative partner in the three-party gov-ernment coalition, Fine Gael, likely to have baulked at the idea of serious inter-

vention in the sector. According to well-placed sources, Mr Quinn is now likely to suggest that only the TSB should be sold and the proceeds used to inject much-needed capital into the ICC. He will also keep his own party and his Democratic Left colleagues happy by setting up a banking commission to examine the provision of quality banking services to welfare recipients and those on low pay.

The recapitalisation sug-gestion will ruffle few feathers because both the ICC and the ACC will remain small players with a combined market share of between 3 and 4 per cent. They are specialist institutions set up to provide funding for

The promised radical industry and agriculture, and are profit-makers. Both have managed to carve out a distinctive niche in the

market. The real dilemma for Mr Quinn is who should be allowed to buy the TSB.

Although the proceeds from the sale goes to the Exchequer, the TSB, unlike the ACC and the ICC, is run by a board of independent trustees. They have said they want to be taken over by the National Australia Bank because they believe that the TSB's 70 countrywide outlets would fuse well with the similar-sized operations of the National Irish Bank (NIB), the Australian bank's

Irish subsidiary. Fortunately for them, the Minister for Finance is prepared to give his blessing to that marriage, but for very different reasons. Sources say the minister is convinced that if the National Australia Bank is not given an opportunity to more than double its 2 to 3 per cent market share in the Republic by acquiring TSB, it will simply lose interest and pull out altogether. From Mr Quinn's point of view, that

desirable. It 6 Mr Quinn will would probably allow the Uister Bank. which currently has a market share of almost 7 he favours 9

mop up both the NIB. Instead of having a vibrant sector with two giants — Allied Irish Bank and Bank of Ireland -- sniping at each other over their combined market share of anywhere 80 to 87 per cent and two medium-sized players - the Ulster bank and the combined TSB/NIB -

three key players. However, Mr Quinn will have to perform some deft footwork to get the outcome he favours because the Ulster Bank has made it known that it is prepared to top any offer from the National Australia Bank. And the whole decision-making process has taken so long that two other hungry contenders — the Irish Nationwide Building Society and the Irish Permanent bank - are believed to have joined the pur-

chase queue.

jockeying for position. Irish banking would have only



Ruairi Quinn is expected to set up a banking commission

Putting on the Ritz to mark its 90th birthday

Morag Preston on changes that show how Barclays mean business

ut on the terrace that overlooks Green Park, the Ritz Hotel will celebrate its 90th birthday tonight. Only eleven months after the reclusive Barclay Brothers bought one of London's grandest hotels from Trafalgar House for £75 million, the Ritz will be showing off its multi-pound refurbishment to an increasingly corporate clientele.

Within months of the twin millionaires taking the Ritz into private ownership, a growing number of businessmen have made their way through the hotel's Arlington Street entrance. Long overshadowed by the Savoy, which boasts a doorway hidden from the main road, greater space, and is situated only a cab ride away from the City, does this mean that with private funds and a managing director who worked for 15 years at its rival hotel, the Ritz will relaunch itself as a "business centre?"

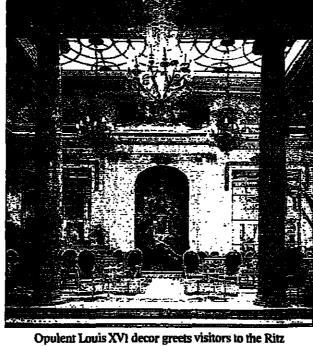
According to Tom O'Con-

nell, general manager of the

Ritz, who has been much involved in the transformation of the hotel back to its original Louis XVI splendour: "Since Giles Shepard has been here and the hotel has been in the hands of its present owners, people have been reminded of the Ritz as a venue. The Barclay Brothers are known and respected in the City. Those at the decision-making level in companies are swayed by that level of private ownership.

KPMG, SG Warburg, Ernst & Young, Salomon Brothers. and Sedgwick, are among the companies that make frequent use of the Ritz. Midway between home in West London and work in the City, the hotel is an increasingly popular haunt for business breakfasts and presentations for up to 30 people are held twice a week on average over lunch and dinner in the hotel's Marie Antoinette Room, Overhead projectors, computers, and faxes are also available - but only on demand. "We will

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never be a high profile business hotel," says Mr O'Connell, adding that only 40 per cent of the hotel's guests are there on company work compared with 65 per cent at the Savoy. "We are never going to

ronment. — other hotels in London do that much better than us. What we want to offer people is a respite from the business world, and there is away from that."

clearly a market for the Ritz A similar sentiment is ech-

ing director at the Ritz since December 1995, who was shown the door at the Savoy after leading a 13-year campaign against Sir Rocco Forte, and was once quoted as saying that he did not wish to see Savoy Hotels in the "hands of a vast combine which, among other things, runs service stations on the main arterial According to Mr Shepard,

who has masterminded the installation of new air-conditioning and windows at the Ritz, and who intends to turn the hotel's shops into a bar area: "We would never want it to be more than a 50/50 split between business and leisure. We prefer to have small corporate parties because we can't handle big ones. There is no point kicking against the size and shape of the building." Meanwhile, at the Savoy,

where Denis Thatcher enjoys his favourite fish cakes and Jeffrey Archer had a vegetarian sausage named after him, refurbishment is also taking place. It ought to be finished by autumn, around the same time as the Ritz's restoration programme, but that is where the similarities end. Improvfacilities is an important part where telephone, computer, fax and conference facilities have all been improved, and guests will soon be able to video conference from their

The banqueting department at the Savoy hosts around six functions of various kinds on average every week. This does not, however, includes those meetings that take place in the hotel's seven private rooms that are available for hire. In the bedrooms of the Savoy, no attempt is made to disguise the business facilities available,

London hotel to have a telephone in every room, makes every effort so that bedroom suites "should not look like an

Michael Twomey, 66, master of ceremonies at the Ritz, who is celebrating his 46th year with the hotel, has witnessed most of the changes among corporate dientele. "Company business used to be much more leisurely. People would come in for lunch, and wouldn't leave until four." Much less meat is eaten now, and sparkling water has replaced the brandy at the end of a long lunch, he says.

GROUPE PARIBAS

Public tender offer of Groupe Paribas for Compagnie Financière Ottomane

Groupe Paribas announces that following its public offer to purchase the entire share capital and all founder's shares of Compagnie Financière Ottomane S.A., it held 96% of the company's capital and 95% of its founder's shares.

Game is over for **Nintendo** genius

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT

THE creator of Game Boy, Nintendo's popular video game, is to quit the

The departure of Gumpei Yokoi, 55, who headed the team that developed the world's best-sell-ing hand-held 16-bit game machine, follows industry reports that sluggish sales would have an adverse impact on Nintendo's profits.

The company's shares were suspended in Tokyo yesterday as the company sought to allay fears that its sales had been affected by price-cutting by rivals and by the lack of attractive

software. Mr Yokoi, who is to become a consultant, is being blamed for sluggish sales of Virtual Boy, the 32bit game machine, which he helped to develop to

succeed Game Boy. Nintendo officially denied reports that sluggish sales would reduce its halfyear profits by 70 per cent, and said its new 64-bit game machine is selling well in both Japan and the United States.

Earlier in the day Nintendo shares came under heavy selling on the Tokyo and Osaka stock exchanges after newspaper stories predicted a sharp fall in its unconsolidated pre-tax profit.

Both exchanges sus-pended trading in Nin-tendo shares in the afternoon session. There have been persistent industry rumours that Nintendo 64 sales have been badly hit by a lack of attractive software and by Sony cutting the price of its 32-bit Playstation.

Nintendo holds nearly half the Japanese games market, but is up against aggressive competition from the Sony Playstation and Sega Enterprises'

Saturn.
At a hastily organised press conference Hiroshi Imanishi. Nintendo director, said the company expects to meet its sales forecast for the new machines in the current fiscal



Fully covered: Michael Bright, left, chief executive, and Garth Ramsay, chairman, with one of the cabs insured by Independent

Independent Insurance sets sights on more acquisitions

By Robert MILLER

INDEPENDENT Insurance, the insurer that operates only through brokers, has beefed up its acquisitions team after unveiling a 15 per cent in-crease in half-year profits, to £16.7 million.

The acquisitive insurer is seeking further deals after last December's purchase of La Palatine, a French company. Michael Bright, chief executive, said yesterday: "We are others and the inevitable casu-

HOECHST, the German

chemicals and drugs group,

more than doubled pre-tax profits to DM4.3 billion in the first half of 1996, and forecast annual profit would rise by at

Latest profits were en-

hanced by a net extraordinary gain of DM2.1 billion, of

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least 30 per cent.

actively looking for suitable companies to buy and we expect to pay for these using existing resources, rather than calling on our shareholders. We have drafted in both external and internal people to look at suitable acquisitions, both in Britain and in France." Mr Bright added: "In my previous statement I referred

to the irresponsible actions of

erating profits rose 18 per cent

Sales in the first six months slipped nearly I per cent, to DM26.1 billion. Sales volume

increased 3 per cent but prices

fell 3 per cent, the group said.

most heavily traded issues in

Frankfurt, slipped five pfen-

Hoechst shares, among the

on a comparable basis.

alties that would result. The withdrawals and consolidations taking place within the industry continue to be a rich source of opportunity for us." investment income, includ-

ing La Palatine's contribution, rose by a substantial 87 per cent, to £15.5 million, while gross written premiums were up 12 per cent, to £232.7 million, in the six months to June 30, against £207.1 million

market had pushed shares

higher in anticipation of

strong results.

The pre-tax profit figure was well above analysts' fore-

casts, which had ranged from

DM256 billion to DM2.75

Hoechst is the second of

Germany's so-called three

Hoechst doubles in first half

FROM REUTER IN FRANKFURT

nigs to DM51.25 on profit- chemical giants to post its

billion.

taking on the news, after the results. Bayer reported its of this year.

in the same period last year. Earnings per share, excluding realised investment gains, increased to 23.6p, from 21.5p last time. La Palatine made an underwriting loss of £3.5 million but is expected to break even by the end of the year.

Independent rewarded shareholders by lifting the half-time dividend to 5.3p, payable on October 31, up from 4.6p. Share-

numbers on Monday and

BASF will report its results on

August 22. Klaus Schmieder, chief fi-

nancial officer, forecast that

1996 pre-tax and operating

profit would be at least 30 per

plans for more significant

Hoechst said that it had no

cent higher than in 1995.

million, from 198.9 million. Within the Independent Insurance portfolio, commercial property produced gross written premiums of £36.3 million. against £47.7 million last time. This led to an underwriting loss of £1.6 million. compared with a \$2.6 million profit. The IRA bomb in Manchester cost Independent £1 million net of reinsurance. On the home front, and in

spite of adverse weather claims, the group still delivered an underwriting profit of 2200,000, albeit well down on last year's £2.3 million contribution. In motor business, Independent Insurance saw gross written premium fall by 14 per cent, to £13.9 million. against £16.1 million last time. In the international division

gross written premium was £17.2 million, with an underwriting loss of 53 million. compared with a previous profit of 5200,000. The market marked the

share up 10p, to close at 500p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

German business failures continue

THE sharp rise in German business failures continued in May, with 19.1 per cent more companies going bust than in the same month of the previous year, the Federal Statistics Office said yesterday. German courts registered a total of 2,601 insolvencies in May, of which 2,137 were business failures. The rise in insolvencies that has been seen since the and of 1001 in continuous as the statistics office said. Business end of 1991 is continuing, the statistics office said. Business failures in western Germany rose 13.4 per cent in May to 1,493, while in eastern Germany business insolvencies rose

In the first five months of the year German courts reported a total of 10,412 business failures throughout the country, a rise of 16.6 per cent from the same period a year earlier. Business failures in western Germany during this period rose 9.1 per cent to 7.399, while in eastern Germany business insolvencies rose 40.4 per cent to 3.013.

Eastern in gas link

EASTERN, the electricity generation, distribution and gas business, has locked into a long-term £1 million gas contract after boosting its gas business to become the second largest player after British Gas. Eastern Natural Gas has signed deals with Lasmo and British Borneo to buy gas from the Boulton field in the North Sea for the duration of its life - expected to be about 16 years. Eastern is owned by Hanson and is due to be floated next year as a separate company.

Xenova research deal

XENOVA, the UK biotechnology company listed on Nasdaq, has announced an extension of its collaboration with Parke-Davis, part of Warner Lambert, the healthcare group. Parke-Davis has begun further research on a potential anti-bacterial drug discovered by Xenova. The Slough-based company also reported reduced first-half losses of £3.15 million (£5 million). Xenova said this reflected reduced research and development spending. The firm ended the half with £10.2 million cash.

Dell profits up by 58%

DELL Computer Corporation, the company that pioneered direct marketing of PCs, made record profits before tax of \$103 million (£66.5 million) during its second quarter, a 58 per cent rise on the same period last year. Quarterly sales jumped by 40 per cent, to \$1.69 billion, with UK sales growing twice as fast as the market. Michael Dell, chief executive, said the company had excelled on every measure of performance. Dell ended the quarter on July 28 with nearly \$1 billion in cash.

Ferry result hits Jacobs

SHARES in Jacobs Holdings, the car transportation group, fell by 8 per cent to 67p yesterday after the company announced disappointing results from Dart Line, the freight ferry joint venture that operates from Dartford to Holland. The group as a whole increased first-half pre-tax profits to £1.7 million. Jacobs has virtually eliminated borrowings after the £12.6 million sale of the Kingsway Retail Park in Derby and other disposals. The interim dividend is 0.375p. payable in October.

Brandon quadruples

BRANDON HIRE, the tool and catering equipment hire company, reported a strong first-half, with pre-tax profits more than quadrupling to £901,000. Group sales rose by 51 per cent to £9.9 million, while earnings, after adjusting for exceptional items, increased by 30 per cent to 3p a share. Brandon recently bolstered its catering equipment business through the acquisition of Jongor from Wembley. An interim dividend of

ACCOUNTANCY

Respect for the tried and tested

Rod Hill and John Everett report

how a survey of finance directors

reassures, yet prompts concern

T ever let it be said that finance directors do not have a sense of fun. It has just surfaced briefly in the 1996 financial management survey conducted by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and Deloitte & Touche Con-

sulting Group.

More than half of the 561 finance directors in leading British companies who were approached (actually 54 per cent of them) were prepared to go along with the notion that their financial books will be in "real time" by the year 2000. However, it is clear that even the questioners suspected they were having their legs pulled by the replies. "Can the accountants' dream of closing the books at the touch of a button really be that close?" the survey editors ponder.

Press-button accounting and time for golf every after-noon may still be some distance ahead for finance directors. Meanwhile, the new survey, which covers companies with a combined turnover exceeding £75 billion and employing more than 500,000 people, is candid and reveal-ing. Indeed, it manages to achieve the opposites of being both reassuring and worrying about aspects of the current state of UK financial management. On the credit side of the ledger, it emphasises that businesses are using sound financial management better and more effectively than at any time in the past. Businesses are measuring the right things to bring about the better functioning of the enterprise. Finance directors are generally satisfied that their departments are working properly. And there is a high agreement on how things will change in the

An overwhelming 91 per cent of the finance directors surveyed believe that their finance function adds value to their business, prompting the report's conclusion: "There is clearly a lot of good feeling." We do wonder, in passing. whether the 9 per cent who disagreed with the proposition might be well advised to take

up another line of work. On the debit side of the ledger the survey suggests an inclination to stick to the tried and tested rather than embrace new ideas. The editors acknowledge that "the levels of awareness of financial management tools and techniques were low ... where the techniques had been used they had not been as successful as might have been expected". This comes as no surprise to



Rod Hill, left, and John Everett. No need for golf lessons yet

CIMA, which has continued to put considerable effort into training in, and awareness of, the latest management tools management, only 24 per cent understand business process re-engineering, and only 42 per cent understand activityand techniques for financial

Paul Fuller, one of the survey editors and a partner at Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group, finds it disappointing that only 13 per cent of finance

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

based management. He suggests that those weaknesses may point to the reason (as the

survey also shows) less than 25 per cent of financial management projects achieve their targets.
When it comes to measuring

rated profit as the prime measure of performance, compared with 72 per cent sup-porting quality measures, 73 per cent sales volume and working capital, and 80 per cent customer service levels. ooking to the future, more than 70 per cent of surveyed believe that there will be stronger pressures to reduce finance costs, to auto-

profit is by far the most widely used measure among finance

directors. It is followed by

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price-related measures are the

least widely used. More than

90 per cent of the respondents

mate basic accounting systems, and to move towards fully integrated total business systems such as Oracle and SAP. However, only 30 per cent believe that the use of appropriate systems will bring about reductions in the staffing of financial departments.

The implication is that finance department empires will be heavily defended against cutbacks planned in the name of automation. No need to book the golf lessons

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Blowing the whistle on a big-money game

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BRUCE

FOOTBALL is a desperately limited game. Who would invent a game in which the ball is propelled around a pitch by the bluntest of blunt instruments - the feet and the head? It is no wonder that the skills employed are so much less complex and sophisticated compared with most other sports. And it is small wonder that the actual games themselves are more likely to be stunningly dull than wonderfully exciting. But that, as football fans know, is not the point.

Fans go for the passion of the crowds, not the game. It is, as a friend pointed out, the only place left where people can feel part of some roaring tribal gathering.

This odd disconnection between the sport and the reason its supporters turn up is reflected in the way the game has developed. At this point of the footballing year it has become a tradition that Gerry Boon, Deloitte & Touche's expert on the subject, sends his firm's annual review of football finance down the tunnel and out onto the pitch. As

ever. this year's edition shows what a bizarre sport football is.

The cash from people turning up to watch the games continued to slide as a percentage of the sport's total income. It is now down to 42 per cent. Wages and salaries continued to spiral upwards and now absorb 52 per cent of the game's total income. Overall the game made a pre-tax loss of £14.1 million on a total income of £468 million. As Boon himself will tell you, football is full of paradoxes. The biggest is the gulf between the Premiership clubs and the rest. "It used to be a gap," says Boon.
"This year it's a gulf. Next
year it will be a yawning

He is right. Manchester United and Newcastle United together have a greater turnover than the whole of Division One. The average operating profit for a Premiership club was £2.24 million. The other divisions have only operating losses. In Division One the average operating loss was £703,000. And the top clubs have scooped the income: 69 per cent of the income goes to

So football has a problem. The product, the actual games themselves, do not produce significant income. But, as Boon would argue, without the product you will not sell the shirts, keep the television people interested or bring in the sponsorship.

Manchester United's turnover, says the report rose 38 per cent with increases in all business areas but boosted by a huge leap in merchandising and other sales to £23.5 million - an increase of 65 per cent, and a 71 per cent increase in television revenue to £6.8 million. As for the actual football itself, gate receipts rose a relatively modest 10 per cent.

It needs a marketing expert to fathom out the future. At present, football, to put it at its simplest, is buoyed by sales of fancy shirts at mammoth mark-ups. It is very hard for anyone to predict how long that can carry on. The sector the clubs are selling to is cash-rich but relatively unsophisticated.

It is against this background that football clubs are now being lured into the idea of going for a listing. "It is our view," says Deloitte & Touche, "that by the year 2000, there are likely to be 12 or 15 football clubs which have a listing on either the main Stock Exchange or the Alternative Investment

Market. There are a limited number of clubs that will qualify for such a position in our view." The report does not say how many are fit for listing, but Boon will happily tell you, without naming any names of course, that four is the number that comes to mind. "There is," he says "more institutional interest chasing a small amount of sensible stock."

So the bright new future of football clubs listed on a serious stock market is also likely to end in tears for most investors and clubs. One of the Deloitte & Touche report's criteria for a successful listing is "the ability, and willingness, to deal with the glare of publicity' that arises

from being a public company in addition to that which normally attaches to football. Given the game's track record in such abilities, the future of the business end of the

game is far from origin.

Even with the money which pours in from the merchandising and the television rights, the game, according to Boon, "is not building a platform for the future. All it has done is just about squared it for the future". When you look at football from the financial angle. nothing makes sense.

Boon says: "It is a big-money game. But that passion has not been converted into profits." We all know what happens to enterprises whose turnovers rocket ahead of profits. Ending in tears is the least of it

Music to their ears

CHANTREY VELLACOTT appears to have a bit of a coup on its hands.

Jerome Walton, the accountant whose famous clients in the music business include Pink Floyd and the Rolling Stones, has decided that the independent life is no longer right for him. He has just joined Chantrey Vellacott as a partner. It is, as jazz musi-

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cians would point out, nice work if you can get it. And with the Rolling Stones it has the added benefit in the fees.

As Chris Sandford pointed out in his classic biography of Mick Jagger, the Rolling Stones lead singer: "He had a morbid fear of losing all his money." Accountants have been hard at work reassuring

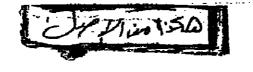
IF YOU do not know your non-ACMP-adequate collateral from your duration-based approach, then you could be in trouble. But help is at hand. Coopers & Lybrand has produced an extraordinary wall chart that looks more like a circuit diagram for a complex telecoms system than the

"financial jungle briefing" that it says it is. For Investment Services Directive firms it provides a guide to how to comply with the SFA's capital adequacy rules. To get your copy, contact Paul Sanders on 0171 212

Counted out DELEGATES to next month's

conference, organised by the English ICA in Cambridge, could be in for a very short after-dinner speech. lan Nichol of Coopers & Lybrand is the star turn. Among other offerings he has been known to speak on is the subject of "The Joy of Accounting". He claims to have got that particular lecture, for all its enthralling subject matter, down to a mere 17 seconds.

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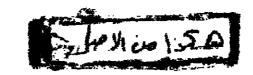
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FILM I

Heavy guilt, heavy drama, as Jack Nicholson stars in Sean Penn's The Crossing Guard



FILM 2

. while a deglamourised Sharon Stone goes onto Death Row in the limp Last Dance





FILM 3

Johnny Depp is the unwilling assassin in the passable but unexceptional Nick of Time



FILM 4

The short but powerful Hunger Artist reveals British director Bernard Rudden as a name to watch

CINEMA: Geoff Brown watches a star's second celluloid creation sink under the weight of its own portentousness

Penn portrait shaded with a heavy hand

eviewing The Indian Runner, Sean Penn's first fling as a writer and director, I expressed the hope that he might have "washed the indulgent gloom from his system" when he came to make film number two. Fat chance. Look at The Crossing Guard. Freddy, a divorced jeweller who fritters away his nights in topless bars, announces his intention to avenge himself on John Booth, the drunk driver who killed his seven-yearold daughter. Booth, just released from prison, carries his own mental burden, so much so that he frightens away friends. "I think your guilt is a little too much competition for me," says JoJo the painter, a sensitive flower. "You should let me know when you want life." Heavy thoughts. Heavy words. Heavy film.

Yet even supposing you could actually lift it, no one should toss this film aside. Where most actors who turn directors strut like peacocks or muscle in on the bigbudget action genre, Sean Penn uses his new power to stay off-screen and make modern-day Greek tragedies with limited box-office appeal. In this arena he may not be a match for his obvious mentor, John Cassevetes, but his ambitions still deserve respect.

And if Penn's ambitions often exceed his talent, he knows how to draw on the talents of others. Jack Nicholson is the jeweller and David Morse his intended victim, while Anjelica Huston eerily shadows her own past relationship with Nicholson, playing his ex-wife and sparring partner. With such a cast, how

Nicholson and Huston's scenes together are few, but they raise the temperature in a film that sadly grows ever more lugubrious as characters consume themselves with guilt or hate. Humour bubbles up when Nicholson's demons (and eyebrows) start ascending and he lets fly at an irate customer returning a ring. Later, unintended laughter creeps in when our Jack, scarcely in prime condition, is chased interminably over streets, fences and gardens: a sequence that suggest Perm's forte will never be horeographing action.

The Crossing Guard Curzon West End, 15, 115 mins Portentous family drama

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Nick of Time National Film Theatre 89 mins Why must Johnny Depp kill the Governor of California?

Hunger Artist ICA Cinematheque, 65 mins Promising British director leaves a calling card

more chinks of light to penetrate the portentous gloom, and more signs of control from a director who means well but is apt to jump on any passing stylistic trick. Slowmotion photography, for instance. We scarcely need such underlining to remind us that some piece of action is meaningful. In The Crossing Guard, for better or worse, everything is meaningful.

Last Dance also intends to be taken seriously. Look at its star, Sharon Stone. Coarse, reddish hair. A scar on her neck. A tattoo on her right hand. And an unflattering prison uniform. She is on Death Row in some unspecified southern state, a piece of white trash facing death by lethal syringe for a double murder committed 12 years ago. Dead Man Walking, her guilt is never in question - but that does not stop Rob Morrow, the rookie lawyer at the state Clemency Board, from turning her case into a crusade. The trouble is, after Tim

Robbins's powerful film, who wants to see "Dead Woman Walking", especially when she limps? Not that the film's weakness is Stone's fault. The fictitious role of convicted killer Cindy Liggett may not stretch her talents as much as the drunken Las Vegas wife in Casino. Yet she does the job honestly enough, and neatly gauges the shifts in attitude from

the hard nut longing for death to the improved character who learns to touch and feel, and to draw the Taj Mahai. But we still end up not caring two figs whether Cindy meets her Maker.

For all its jousting with life and death, Last Dance is weirdly perfunctory. Bruce Beresford, the film's wayward director, is still searching for something to top Driving Miss Daisy: he gets the scenes shot but does nothing to lift them out of the ordinary. Ron Koslow's script can be sharp enough in peripheral scenes: there is an amusing encounter with a bumptious black killer turned author on Death Row ('How they gonna kill a man who's been on the New York Times bestseller list?"). But when it matters most, the words turn flat and painful emotions get wrapped in tinsel.

can safely pass this last dance by.

Stargazers may get another sur-prise watching Nick of Time. Johnny Depp usually plays characters with long hair, a yen for crossdressing and scissors for hands. But here he is the ordinary Joe caught in an extraordinary situation. Collar and tie. Meek little specs. Hair that behaves.

Walken, and given a gun and an impossible choice. Within 80 min-

Rob Morrow, most familiar from the television series Northern Exposure, does not help as the rookie lawyer trying to make amends for his cushioned life by doing something good. He looks cute but acts bland. You never feel the fire in his belly. Sharon Stone fans will doubtless be curious to see their idol de-glamourised; the rest of us

rriving with his daughter Angeles, he is yanked aside by Christopher utes he must kill the Governor of California, headquartered at a downtown hotel during a re-elec-tion campaign. If he fails, his kidnapped daughter will die. And if he shoots too soon, the film will die: for what can you fill the time with except suspense, plot twists and endless mutterings over walkie-

Forty years ago, this would have made a crisp little B-movie. The surprise is that such a modest



venture emerges now under the auspices of John Badham, a director known for overblown nonsense such as Bird on a Wire. As underblown nonsense, Nick of Time remains a passable timewaster, although our interest might be raised a notch if the script gave us a hint of why California's Governor (Marsha Mason) deserved to die. And we might be even playing at the National Film Theatre, which has better things to do than serve as a dumping-ground

But enough of soft-drink cinema. you may say: where can I find the hard stuff? Since this is high summer, you have to look carefully. Up in Scotland, the Drambuie Edinburgh International Festival is now under way, offering every-thing from Peter Greenaway and music videos to The Goat Horn. the hottest Bulgarian film of the 1970s (a full report follows next week). Down in London, after

for American flops soon to appear

on video.

breaking records at the Riverside Studios, Renoir's wonderful classic La Règle du Jeu begins a two-week run at the Screen on the Hill.

Then at the ICA Cinematheque, the most dedicated followers of cinema's muse should find nourishment with Bernard Rudden's Hunger Artist, one of the most remarkable British films to emerge last year. Two other British shorts, and Nick Gordon-Smith's Fatima. complete the ICA's programme.

Hunger Artist lasts 45 minutes but Rudden makes every second count as he blends razor-sharp black-and-white imagery with provocative commentary in a story inspired by Kafka. Britain's last fasting artist has been kidnapped by crooks from his cage at the local 200. A woman journalist pursues the trail through a bleak urban landscape, raising sensitive issues of poverty and greed. Rising up in a summer of so much flaccid imagemaking, the film's intensity is

'Explosion of genius'

Every week, young film fans discuss

THE CROSSING GUARD Nicki Thomas, 22: Some nice directorial touches in a film that boasts fine acting and creative use

Abi Naish, 21: At last, an explosion of genius. Turning Hollywood stereotypes on their heads, this film is incredibly refreshing.

Bex Taylor, 21: One of the most invigorating, cathartic films I have ever seen. This film dances with

Derek Griffin. 18: Good acting and a storyline which is easy to follow.

LAST DANCE Nicki: Cliched Hollywood slush that is predictable and tiresome. No Oscar nominations here. Abi: This fulfils the requirements

of every Hollywood movie, while

VERDICT

destroying the real issues in an alarming cascade of tasteless cli-chés. A great disappointment for a film with great potential.

Bex: Beresford's film continues to portray our banal view of life on Death Row with a sentimentality that can only be called kitsch. Derek: A very emotional film with a few sarcastic comments and

gestures where needed, to even out those tear-jerking moments.

Old China reflected in new steel

John Parry views the metal sculptures by Yuyu Yang that currently dominate

Chelsea Harbour is work is inspired and star-

tling. He has exhibited in France, Italy, America, Brazil, Hong Kong and Japan. In recent decades he has been among the most innovative and prolific Chinese sculptors and one of the few to have found an audience in the West. But for whatever reasons, his work has never been to Britain before. So for the Royal Society of British Sculptors to choose the 70-year-old Chinese artist Yuyu Yang as its first International Fellow both acknowledges the sculptor's stature and provides us with an opportunity to see his work here for the first time.

Chelsea Harbour may be an archi-tectural hotchpotch itself, but it provides an effective outdoor setting for some very dramatic and original pieces a dozen works, three in bronze and nine more startlingly in stainless steel, brilliantly polished and reflecting everything around them.

While Yang admits to the profound influence of European sculptors such as Rodin and Giacometti, his art is rooted firmly in ancient Chinese culture. He calls his current series Lifescape. It is filled with symbolic images of the dragon and the phoenix. the earth, moon, sun and universe, and especially of Buddha, for he is a devout Buddhist. He describes Lifescape, developed over 20 years as, "the bridge that connects us. It embodies all my concerns in the form of beauty, which is the most precious gift I can offer. It symbolises my wish for a life of

happiness and contentment." The moment you enter the bleak approach to the Chelsea Harbour complex, the first of Yang's works is a signal that there is great drama afoot.

Mountain Grandeur, a bronze monolith standing six metres high in lonely



Yuyu Yang and Solar Permanence: positioned against the backdrop of the main Chelsea Harbour tower, it shines in the sun or the night lights

concert narries, to speak for 27.9 per cent.

ultimate piece of romantic Chinese sculpture. Almost threatening in its sheer bulk, it is also a fine example of how the artist uses his love of nature.

Yang was born in Taiwan but educated in China, Japan and Italy. When he returned from Rome to Taiwan in 1966 he settled in the Taroko National Park region with its spectacular limestone gorge. Mountain Grandeur, created ten years later, is a

splendour, has been described as the reflection of his experiences then. But whatever impact that may have on you, it does not prepare you for the sinuous and elegant charm of a stainless steel work such as Solar Permanence. Carefully positioned to have a backdrop of the main Chelsea

Harbour tower, it writhes and twists

unwards, four metres high, shining in

the sun or the night lights. It is a

dragon, the symbolic representation of

the sun, and the creature's hollow eye

tion, its history, growth and culture."

Examples of Yang's works are all over Taiwan: in banks, offices, hotels, golf courses and universities as well as his own Lifescape Museum in the capital Taipeh. Among Chinese sculptors using steel he is the undisputed pioneer. He started using it as early as "I strive for simplicity and purity,"

is a neat metaphor for the solar disc. Yang uses steel to even greater effect with Lunar Brilliance. This mirrored

disc is an inversion of the traditional Moongate of the Chinese garden.

Instead of the gate being an illusion opening into a different world, this is an illusion reflecting everything around it: boats, water, flats, sky.

The gentle humour becomes whimsy

in another work called Dragon's Song in which more writhing tape of the shining steel dragon juggles a disc of the sun between its head and tail.

Meanwhile, tucked away in a cobbled

corner, is Universe and Life: a classic

Yang piece in which the curves. columns and discs represent a galactic

city inhabited not by people but by

Philomena Davidson Davis, of the

Sculpture Company (the commercial

arm of the RSBS), says: "Western

lovers of sculpture will have to take

their time to get to know the work. It is

sculpture of great integrity. Other

Chinese sculptors have found it diffi-

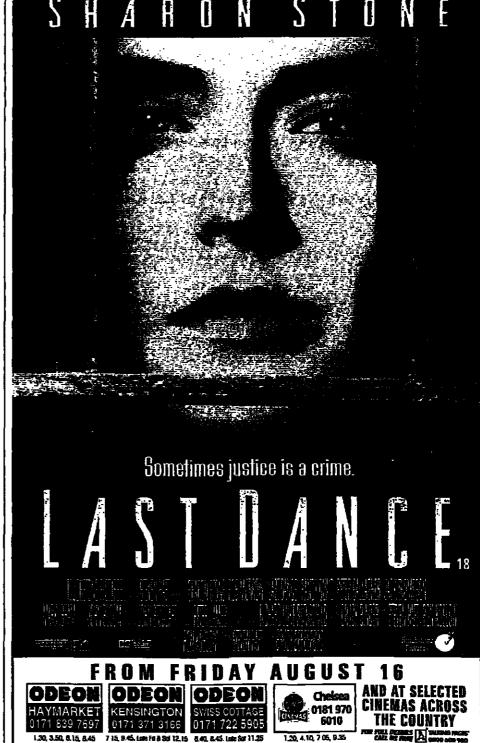
cult to break through into the Western

market. Yuyu Yang was a natural

choice as our first International Fellow, representing the largest living civilisa-

he says. "Stainless steel is the perfect material. It captures its surroundings in reflection and incorporates the world into it. Art and the environment merge instead of competing. But what impresses me most about stainless steel is that it has inherited, as it were, the exquisite brightness of china wares of the Sung dynasty."

Yang's sculpture is on display in Chelsea Harbour (London SWIO) until November. His pieces are for sale but they do not come cheaply. Prices range from £66,000 to more than £400,000. Perhaps exhibition sponsors such as P&O or the Chinese-language satellite channel CNE will be tempted.





■ CHOICE 1

Scott Joplin's rags come to Edinburgh in the expert hands of Joshua Rifkin

VENUE: Tonight at the Oueen's Hall



CHOICE 2

Roy Orbison is celebrated in a touring production of Only the Lonely VENUE: This week at the Theatre Royal, Brighton

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■ NEW VIDEOS

A Frances Hodgson Burnett story is beguilingly adapted for the screen in ALittle Princess



■ NEW CDS

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... and the 75th birthday of composer Malcolm Arnold is marked with a fine new disc

EDINBURGH

Accompanied by Malcolm Manneau at the piano, the Welsh bartione Birgin Terriel partoms a self-out concert at the Lisher Hall (7 30pm), although returns are always a possibility. At the returns are always a possibility At the same venue (10 30pm), Emilio Pornánco conducts the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchesira in the British debut performance of Ruf by Emmanuel performance or may by Chinica use Numes, the latter being the subject of a Festival Insights lecture at the Edwisurgh Fastival Theatre (Spm).

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Alicia de Lumocha (11 am presents a
programme of Spanish music,
including works by Mompou and de
Falla At the Edmburgh Playhouse
(7 30pm, and romonow), the
Medgelmads Dance Theater presents
the second of two programmes,
featuring the spiritual Whereabouts
Unknown and the come Invention of Sa
Dances. At Si Cuthbert's Church (Spm),
the Emperor String Quartet meles the
first of three appearances (next on Aug
23 and 24) in the Haydh string quartet
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s of concerts tival box office (0131-225 5756 for the red information) On the Fringe, the Californian company Joy of Dancing (USA) presents a high-powered mix of Jazz, tap and ballet (Youth International et St Oswald's Hell. 7.30pm; to Salf. Over at the Central Hall 17.30pm). Dean Marshalt conducts the Calgary Fliddings in a blend of Cellic, country, Jazz and Caum musical sives country, Jazz and Carun musical styles in St Cacilia's Hall (3pm), **John**

■ BIRDY: William Wharton's best-selling novel where a schizophrenic longs for freedom, oddly tilmed but now adapted for the stage by Naom Wallace Kevin Knight directs Tam Williams and Adam Garcia Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) mannersmin, wo (U187-741 2371) Mon-Sal, 8pm, mai Sel, 4 30pm, Unid August 17

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A daily guide to arts compiled by Gillian Maxey

century French music, while the master of ragitime piano Joshua Riffidin plays Scoti Jophin standards at the Queen's Hall I/3 Sopin, Common Geounda (Spin to Aug 24) is the venue for A Touch of the Poe, a haunting portrail of Edgar Atlan Poe by Newn Milchell Martin Fringe box office (impures 0131-226 5257, tick ets 0131-226 5138)

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Dommar Warehouse, Eartham Street,
WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 8pm,
mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm, Until Aug 31

THE LIGHTS Howard Korder's

☐ MARTIN GUERRE The latest Bouble Schorberg musical brings banal tries to a contusingly told tale. Prince Edward, Old Compton St. W1 (0171-447 5490), Mon-Sat, 7 45pm.

☐ ROMEO AND JULIET: Lucy Winyorow's Juliet is one of the better shings in Adnah Noble's so-so production from last year's Stratford

Wycherley's first success Intingue, matchmaking, characters called Addlepol and Dapperwit, unperformed TODAY'S CHOICE in London for 300 years. New End, 27 New End, Hampstead. NW3 (0171-794 6022). Opens tonight, 7 30pm, Then Tue-Sat, 7 30pm, mat

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON Bill Kenwight and Keth Strochan direct the slick, West End production of The Roy Orbison Story — Only the Lonely, Teaturing hill tures such as Pretty Woman and it's Over. Theathe Royal (01273 328 489) Mon-Thurs, 7 45pm, Fri and Sat, 5 30pm and 8 30pm Until Aug 24.

BUXTON: The Brussels Light Opera Company stages The Pirates of Penzance at this year's international Giben and Sulivan Festival. Buxton Opera House, Water Street (01298 72190) Tonight, 7.30pm

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THEATRE GUIDE

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drams of a journey through the New York nightmare. Ends with the cast attacking the theatre, littingly, because at the end of the run the interior will be Royal Court, Sloand Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 7,30cm, mat Sat, 3,30cm, Urtal August 31

mats Thurs and Sat 3pm

Barbican, Sik Street EC2 (0171-638 8891: Tonight, 7.15pm; mat, 2pm. In

■ STANLEY Interesting Parm Gams play, with Anlony Sher a persuesive Stanley Spencer, inspired by Cookham, troubled by wives.
National (Cotlesioe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Last performa night-Sat, 7 30pm; mat, Sat, 2 30pm

LONG RUNNERS □ Cats New London (0171-405 0072)
□ Don't Dress for Dinner Duchess (0171-494 5070) □ Grease
Domyson (0171-416 6060) ■ Les Maérables Palace (0171-434 0909) Miss Seigon Drury Lane (0171-494) 5400: ☐ The Mousetrap

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

TA SMALL WORLD Interesting Mustaphe Malura play uncovering the secrets behind the meeting of two Irrudadkars in a Brooklyn bar Southwark Phayhouse, 62 Southwark Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-620 3494). Tue-Sat, 8pm Uniti Aug 24

TWO BOYS IN A BED ON A COLD MINTER'S NIGHT James Edward Burker's play about the dynamics of the one-night stand horiest and sexy Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 3334) Mon-Thurs, 8pm. Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm. Until September 7

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Boulevand Adelph (9171-344 0055) Boulevard Adeiph (UT/15040000)
[] The Woman in Black, Fortune (0171-836 2238)

AUGUST (PG) Awkward film of Uncle Vanya transferred to Wales in the late Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country 19th century, directed by, and staming, Anthony Hopkins, With Leslie Philips and Kale Button Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720)

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(U). Mistreated James finds his feel in a peach volyaging across the Allartic. Excellent ammated version of Road/ Dahl's book. Director, Henry Selick.

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 MRJPPET TREASURE ISLAND (U) Kermit and Miss Piggy Invade
Stevenson's classic Jolly addition to
the Muppet move saga, with Tim Curry Director, Bnan Hanson Watermans (0181-568 1176)

◆ THE ROCK (18). Beliggerent action move set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris Director, Michael Bay
MGM Trocadero (0) (0171-434 0031)

(0181-568 1176) THE TIT AND THE MOON (18): The

◆ THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS (15). Pleasant romantic corner about mislaken identity, with Janeane Garolelo, Uma Thurman and Ben Garolelo, Uma Thurman and Ben Chaplin Director, Michael Lormann ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (01426-914 666 Rittay (0171-737 2121) Screen/Hill & (0171-737 2121) Whiteleys & (0990 888990) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Warner (0171-437 4343)

Unsweetened family fare

NEW ON VIDEO

A LITTLE PRINCESS

Warner, U, 1995 A GORGEOUS family film that even improves on The Secret Garden, another Frances Hodgson Burnett novel recently remade for the screen. The reworked story tells of an English officer's daughter left in a New York boarding school while he fights in the First World War. Mexican director. Alfonso Cuarón shows uncommon mastery of the Hollywood machine, and his players, none starry names, never succumb to saccharine sweetness or heavy caricature. Liesel Matthews is the girl plunged from riches to rags and Eleanor Bron the malevolent headmistress who tries to outlaw make-believe. Available to rent.

■THE PEBBLE AND THE PENGUIN

Warner, U. 1995 WHEN did you last see a penguin with a waist, or indeed with a hat and scarf? But why be mean to this little animated film from the pen of former Disney artist Don Bluth? It aims at no heights, and reaches none. It plumps for sap and delivers, from Barry Manilow's songs to the narrator's wrap-up: "Goodness glaciers, they lived happily ever after". Young children will be entertained. Available to rent.

■ SMITHEREENS

Arrow. 15, 1982 SUSAN Seidelman's directorial career got off to a fine start with this generally light-hearted portrait of New York's punks and drifters, perilously surviving in a world of gaudy graffiti, low morals and high decibels. The heroine is a New Jersey lass with no money and a decreasing circle of spongeable friends. Susan Berman makes the potentially tiresome creature appealingly vulnerable.

MAN OF ARAN VCI, PG, 1934



commercial film industry caused many financial headaches: Flaherty roamed over the Aran islands, off the Galway coast, with scant regard for budgets and film stock. The battles were worth it.

Hard realism was never Flaherty's line, but the film works wonderfully as DOCUMENTARY poet Robert a romantic treatment of man against Flaherty's unique liaison with Britain's nature, with a splendid cast of locals,

seaweed, sharks, potatoes and stormtossed seas.

■ WHEN SATURDAY COMES Fox Guild, 15, 1995

ANTEDILUVIAN British tale of a brewery worker who longs for a professional footballer's career. He gets a trial with Sheffield United but the old working-class demons haunt

him: drink, family violence, a pregnant girlfriend.

Can our lad pull himself together? And do we care? Not much, though Sean Bean. Emily Lloyd and Pers. Postlethwaite endow the film with more spirit than it deserves. Directed by Maria Giese. Available to rent.

GEOFF BROWN

October has already occa-

sioned a flurry of recording

activity. Complete cycles of the

nine symphonies are under

way from three companies

(Conifer, Chandos and Naxos)

and certainly these works are

weighty enough to sustain

Conifer's set is in the experi-

enced, sympathetic hands of

Vernon Handley, and the

latest instalment offers the

First Symphony of the confi-

dent 28-year-old composer.

alongside the powerful but

perplexing Fifth. This would

be an eminently recommend-

able disc were it not for the

appearance last year of Rich-

ard Hickox's superior reading

of the Fifth (coupled with the

Sixth) on Chandos. The more

generous spread of sound on

the Chandos recording adds

bite to the savage outbursts in

contrasting interpretations.

NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Lehár looks east; a double dose of Schumann; Arnold on Conifer

OPEREITA

John Higgins

LEHAR The Land of Smiles The Czarevitch Gustafson/Hadley

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sexual development of a nine-year-old boy Unexpected magic from Catalan director Bigas Lune MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

Tauber and Jerry Hadley is a worthy successor. Apart from an occasional coo. he has the

easiest of ways with Lehar's

diction is perfect. The Czare vitch found less favour with the public - and with Tauber

English Chamber Orch/ Bonynge Telarc 80419** 80.395** misogynist Czarevitch. TWO bold attempts to perform in English something by Lehar other than The Merry

Widow, in both onerettas the composer stuck to a successful formula: an exotic setting for two of three acts (Peking for Smiles and St Petersburg for Czarevitch), luscious melodies for the lead tenor and soprano, zippy ones for the support comedy pair, a thunderingly operatic finale to Act II and, more suprisingly, a melancholic close. In each the tenor rejects love for the burdens of the state of China and Russia

whipped-cream songs and his - than Smiles, but Hadley reminds us just how rewarding is the title role of the

The ballet dancer Sonia even has to dress as a Circassian officer to gain his attentions. Nancy Gustafson has the measure of the music and more, but her words are virtually devoid of consonants. She is better in Smiles. for which Hadley has provided the English version, just as singable as one would expect from a singer. The supporting

duo is only so-so. The real stars are the ECO and Richard Bonynge. The violins swoon and, in The Czarevitch, the mandolins and balalaika throb away. Nothing is more exotic than Vienna's view of the world beyond Budanest.

VOCAL

confidence? For once, the songs of the happy pair are placed side by side and the fluency and emotional ardour of Clara's writing, albeit less daring in its tussle with prosody, is

Hilary Finch

■ SCHUMANN, Clara & Robert The Heart of the Poet Skovhus/Deutsch

Sony SK 62372*** THE artistic relationship between Robert Schumann and his wife, the pianist and composer Clara Wieck, is still being gleefully teased out by biographer and musicologist alike. Did he encourage her to compose because her pianoplaying disturbed his own composition? Were her protests the cries of a frustrated performer or the murmurs of an undernurtured self-

captured exactly in Bo Skovhus's way of singing out

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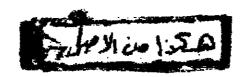
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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on Miranda Richardson in Woolf's Orlando at the Lyceum

That was the physical appearance of the Elsinore Robert Lepage had created for his one-man play of the same name? Visitors to the Edinburgh Festival will never know, for the show was finally aborted late on Tuesday, victim of someone's inability to transpose a working set to the King's Theatre stage. But ru-mour suggests that Claudius's palace was a sort of sci-fi amusement areade with computers, holograms, strobe ghts and, for all I know, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern flying in from Wittenberg by

At all events, it was clearly a et more elaborate than the set which the American avantgarde artist Robert Wilson has designed for his filleted version of Virginia Woolf's Orlando. It was also, I suspect, a lot more visually exciting.

There were many times at the Lyceum when I felt that if I shut my eyes and simply listened to Miranda Richardson reciting Woolf's tale of androgyny in high places, I would not be missing anything important. Indeed, there were moments when my eyes were shut for me, because the stage lights were turned off and that cool, musical voice went punctiliously on, describing yet another event in the 400-year-old life of the Elizabethan nobleman who became a woman in the 17th century and was never again sure that gender was a straightforward

Certainly, Wilson's set has



little to do with what Richardson is trying to bring verbally to life. She tells of gaudy balloons and multicoloured flames on the frozen Thames, exotic horsemen and women with six-foot-high wigs in Constantinople. Yet what we see is a rectangular backcloth which sometimes shrinks in size and changes in hue from white to blue, and the occasional dubiously relevant piece of furniture: a chest of drawers shaped like steps, a table with glass sea horses for supports, a tiny model door that opens and shuts, and what appear to be giant show-

Still, Richardson is always on stage, and she looks as good as she sounds. Until 18thcentury fashion allows it to flutter a bit, her flame-coloured hair is swept right back. leaving her pale, chiselled face exposed to the cheekbones and

The effect is severe yet sensual, as if a Botticelli angel had been crossed with one of those stark loners you find in Beckett's late plays. But she is isolated on the stage for more than two hours, and that is a

long time to spend staring at the finest portrait.

This is a portrait which moves, of course. Dressed now in blue doublet and hose, now in billowing bloomers, now in a long pink dress, she walks forwards, walks backwards, undulates, falls to the floor, rolls around, lies down, crawls on her knees, glides, skitters and more, much more. But her movements are often as little related to what she says as her intonations are to what she

he does not how! when she tells us she howls, or scream when you expect her to scream. And nothing seems to exercise her more than the fact that Queen Victoria wore lots of crinoline to conceal her

Well, all right, there is some reason for that. It tells you why Woolf wrote the novel and, presumably, why Wilson adapted it. Gender determines your social role without necessarily taking your identity along with it. It is not easy for a woman to fight a duel or for a man to dance naked, although Richardson's Orlando managed it in the 18th century or rather, tells us that she

And there's the trouble. If we had bought Miranda Richardson the audiobook, we would not have lost all that much. Wilson's Orlando is pretentious and visually monotonous - but at least it has happened, which is more than you can say for Lepage and his



Miranda Richardson's musical voice and sensual presence were captivating enough for the audience, but American Robert Wilson's minimalist staging of Virginia Woolf's "tale of androgyny in high places" during the 18th century offered virtually nothing to relieve the visual monotony

Commissioned for the Edinburgh Festival, Mark Morris's I Don't Want to Love disappoints

This is the fifth consecutive year that the Mark Morris Dance Group has been a feature of the Edinburgh Festival. Few are the companies that rate such an honour, fewer still those that could come back year after year without running out of creative steam. But Morris is a king of contemporary come to expect great things of

him. And, for the most part, that's what we get. ironically, the weakest of the four works on offer here is the one commissioned by the Edinburgh Festival to celebrate its fiftieth year. I Don't Want to Love (set to madrigals by Monteverdi, beautifully played and sung by the Concerto Italiano) is familiar Mor-

ris terrain, with pretty boys

New sweetness and light outshone by old glories

and girls let loose in the garden of love, only to find that rapture can be elusive. with felicity, its petit allegro as light as whipped cream. But at times the decorative charms of the piece overwhelm its ardour and blunt its edge.

No fear of self-parody in the remarkable World Power, which Morris choreographed last year to music by Lou Harrison. The score was inspired by Mark Twain's writings on colonial domination in the Philippine war, and Harri-

Mark Morris Festival Theatre,

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son uses a gamelan orchestra (the wonderful South Bank Gamelan Players in this instance) with harp and trum-pet, while Morris takes his cue from the angularity of Eastern dance styles. The result is

conquerers and

sensitive builders

stunning. The first thing you notice is how quietly insistent are the rhythms, dainty footed tion grows into a statement as the 14 dancers turn percussive grace into shouts of selfvalidation from the oppressed. One of Morris's strengths is to find an apt movement or gesture and then repeat it until becomes exched in our

conscience, like a slogan. With a simple, well-timed stamp of each bare foot, Morris here does it again. in any other choreographer

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(with the exception, perhaps, of Merce Cunningham), the decision to set 40 minutes of dance to silence might seem arrogant. But in his 1990 piece, Behemoth, Morris experimented with the absolute of body language, the ritual of a dancer's physical experience. Indeed, Behemoth could be Morris's homage to Cunning

Lest we forget that Morris himself was born to dance, we have Ten Suggestions, his 1981 solo Set to Tcherepnin's Baga-telles (piano, Linda Dowdell) this is a series of ironic autobiographical vignettes. No one else could indulge in such outrageous self-admira-tion and still make us see the raison d'être of dance.

DEBRA CRAINE

CONCERTS: Barry Tuckwell signs off as a soloist at the Proms; early music on the South Bank

WITH his horn held high. Barry Tuckwell took his leave of the London concert platform at the Proms on Tuesday. As a horn player, that is: he will doubtless be back before long with baton in hand as he continues his flourishing second career.

Tuckwell made his Proms debut 35 years ago with Mozart's Third Horn Concerto. And it was with this work that he signed off, giving a performance of gently underplayed virtuosity, its slow movement a characteristically warmly breathed aria, its "hunting" finale buoyant with that nonchalant and debonair robustness so typical of Tuckwell's

It was Tuckwell's distinctively lyrical high-register playing, though, which in-spired Oliver Knussen in the Horn Concerto dedicated to him and given its London premiere on Tuesday. Knusen delights in telling tales of when Tuckwell lived upstairs in their spare room in his childhood, and made the precocious young Olly a horn out of papier-maché. It certainly paid dividends, for Knussen's

Last of a horn of plenty

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deep love for and understanding of the instrument has created a single-movement work of exquisitely imagined ideas, freedom and fluency of

At its British premiere at the Aldeburgh Festival last year, it was the spirit of Mahler which seemed to haunt the tremulous, rustling soundworld of tiny figures flicked from wind to percussion to strings in the opening Intrada and ensuing Fantastico. This was the horn echoing long and far from the world of Waldeinsamkeit the solitude in the woods of

The real gem of the

week, however, came

(Radio 4 long wave). Each lunchtime

the programme's producer. Peter

Baxter, presents a cricket-related

mini-documentary or discussion, and

on Monday he put together a splendid item. Nominally it was a tribute to

Alan McGilvray, the Australian com-

mentator who died last month, aged

85. But what emerged was a quite

extraordinary tale. He began com-

mentating for the Australian Broad-

from a most unex-

German nature Romanticism. Hearing the concerto now in the wider spaces of the Albert Hall, I was struck by the powerful, almost Scriabin-esque darkness of the ghostly variations on a ground bass in its slower section.

Knussen has also spoken of Siegfried's Funeral March as a source of "strength" while writing this work; but it is the horn that remains hero.

particularly sensitive and sat-isfying context for the two horn concertos, prefacing the Knussen with Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wind Instruments, and following the Mozart with Sibelius's trombonecharged, single-movement Seventh Symphony. This was given a characteristically lean. lucid performance under Salonen's baton, as were Debussy's Nocturnes: their nuages luminous as layers of instrumental recession were defined: and their fêtes delighting in the score's evershifting spaces and dancing

Grab an early night NOW that the Proms are in full swing at the Albert Hall, August is something of a fallow period for classical music at the South Bank Centre. A week-long early

music festival there would seem to be just the job, since many of the concerts in Philip Pickett's programme are of the small-scale character inappro-Esa-Pekka Salonen and the priate to the Albert Hall. Philharmonia presented a

The festival opened at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with a programme of 17th-century English music performed by the Musicians of the Globe. A number of settings of songs by Shakespeare were included in the concert, together with music for broken consort by Thomas Morley and pieces of various kinds based on popular melodies.

Somehow the programme did not hang together as well performance as it did on paper. The nature of the hall, lacking the intimacy of the Purcell Room, did not help, making it hard for the players. for all their technical accom-HILARY FINCH plishment, to project the sense

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of spontaneity that can bring

virginals of Giles Farnaby's

Loath to Depart was quite

masterly in execution and

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this music alive. but what was life The two singers managed to communicate better with the really like for

audience. The young baritone Roderick Williams has a ordinary Romans? pleasant, light voice and a sharp musical intelligence, especially apparent in his rendi-Through ordinary people's tion of Robert Jones's lute song accounts of their mores, tastes Farewell Dear Love, and Cathand feuds, glimpses of forums erine Bott gave a strongly characterised performance of Mother Watkin's Ale, an acamphitheatres and temples, descriptions of shops and villas, through Cicero, Seneca count all the more commendand Livy, Petronius, Caesar able as she was suffering from and Augustus, Professor a chest infection. But it was Barry Cunliffe brings to life the keyboard-player, Gary Cooper, who quietly stole the the mighty Roman Empire. show: his account on the

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ummer holidays are not the best of times on radio, with the search for real gems becoming more intense. This week has produced a scheduled surprise and an unscheduled delight.

One of the former is the serialisation, in the 8.40am slot on Radio 4 blessedly vacated by politics, of Dennis Potter's The Changing Forest, his 1962 book about his uphringing in the Forest of Dean.

The area is an odd, dark sort of place, much like the late Potter's life. The book contains the writing signposts that were to become a trademark of his TV plays, full of undercurrents and tangential references. I am not sure this is drive-towork listening but the reading, by Robert Glenister, is on the mark.

RADIO

was impossible to broadcast live across continents, so Mcpected source: Test Match Special Gilvray did ball-by-ball commentary

of the 1938 series against Australia in England — from a Melbourne studio. As each ball was bowled, a man at the English venue would send a cable to Melbourne written in key words. Bradman, square, two would become: Bradman hits the ball through square leg and they take two.

At first the system broke down, because McGilvray was taking only two minutes to describe an over that casting Corporation before the lasted four minutes. Also, competing Second World War. In those days it radio stations were not going to take

ABC's pioneering work lying down. If McGilvray gave the score as 118 for two, another station would announce that the score was 124 for two. But the rivals would be in a spot if a third batsman was out before the score actually reached 124.

pacing.

The fascination of McGilvray? account of these early days is twofold. First, the stamina and resourcefulness required to commentate all day on a cricket match taking place 15,000 miles away makes playing in the match sound like a piece of cake. And secondly, his activities demonstrate that sports broadcasting was at the cutting edge of competitiveness long before the arrival of multiple tele-

Peter Barnard

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Jeanette Winterson on a heroine whose image transcends politics

Still the stormy voice of France

he was born in the village of Domremy on the borders of Lorraine and Cham-pagne. She relieved Orléans against the English siege and stood at the side of the Dauphin as he was crowned Charles VII at Rheims. She was captured, tried by the Inquisition, sold to the English and burnt as a heretic in 1431. In 1920 she was canonised as a

Who was she? Joan of Arc. At once part of history and outside history. Well-known and unknowable, like Sappho or Elizabeth I, she is bound into fact, unbound as the stuff of legend. For more than 500 years her story has served as a draw-well for artists, writers and musicians, including Verdi, Rubens, Ingres, Twain, Sackville-West, Southey,

JOAN OF ARC IN HER OWN WORDS Compiled and Edited by Willard Trask Turtlepoint Press, E8.99 ISBN 1885983085 THE TRIAL OF JOAN **OF ARC** Introduced by Marina Warner Arthur James, £6,99

Shaw. In the 20th century, film-makers, (De Mille, Ros-sellini). and film stars (Bergman, Seberg, Lamarr), have used Joan as a fluid heroine for modern times.

Joan the Maid, standardbearer against the English. has become the rallying point for every possible political cause, Right and Left. She has been suffragist, class militant. apologist for Holy War, exemplar of feminine virtue, and a poster pin-up for both the pro and anti-Fascist lobbies during the Second World War. In her excellent introduction to The Trial of Joan of Arc. Marina Warner tells us that she was crossing the Tuileries Gardens in Paris in 1990 on Joan's feast day when a priest wearing Joan's badge ap-proached and asked for a donation. It turned out he was recruiting for Jean-Marie Le

What can we learn from all in doubt — but what of her integrity? If the clean-cut lines of her heroism can be so easily stencilled onto so many obsessions, we find ourselves asking the same fundamental question as her tormentors at her trial: was Joan of Arc genuine?

This is the Christ question. Those individuals whose character, teachings or work fire keen debate generation to

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A contemporary guise of Joan the Maid: woodcut from the Champion des dames

generation, and long after the context of their endeavours has become obscure, have a peculiar effect on consciousness; anyone who engages, is soon forced to questions of authenticity; is this the real

uncomfortable. Much as we claim to desire it we live in terror of what is genuine, in case that steady clarity, however muddled in our hands, turns the question back on the questioner. "Is this genuine?" may become "How genuine am l?"

Unlettered Joan faced 70 lawyers and divines in her cross-examination. Her great strength and her greatest weakness was her utter sincershe believed absolutely in her work. She had no ulterior

motive, neither fame nor money, and there were many among her accusers who found her peptic honesty too much to stomach. If Joan was genuine it might follow that they were not. The interests of Church and State could not be called to account by a cross-dressing peasant girl. The books under review

here both use the manuscript sources of the trial and related material, but their aims are so different that they reveal, by comparison, how easy it is to use a text for one's own purposes while claiming it speaks for itself. This began to happen to Joan only 25 years after her death, when she was posthumously pronounced in-nocent and used as a standard of virtue by the very people who had condemned her.

The Trial of Joan of Arc, printed up in an explicitly Christian series of visionary women, fixes Joan as a saint and martyr within a specific tradition. This is appropriate although there is much more

Marina Warner's subtle introduction frees Joan into other possibilities, and it is

ANATOLI RYBAKOV has one advantage over Jeffrey Archer, with whose blockbust-

ers the Children of the Arbat

trilogy ought to be compared.

Reviewers in Britain are much

too delicate to treat a novel by

a Russian writer who has been

exiled to Siberia under Stalin

with the hauteur they reserve for their lowbrow, slick and

inexplicably successful

compatriots.

Dust and Ashes is the cancluding volume of Rybakov's trilogy, which follows the destinies of a group of childhood friends from the Ashet Moscow's henion and

Arbat, Moscow's benign answer to Sloane Square, in the

decade before the war with

Germany. Upsetting slightly the proposition that the recipe

for a Russian bestseller is one

part Harold Robbins to four

parts Thomas Mann, it in-cludes a single decorously steamy sex scene among the

hundreds of pages used to

ers of mankind, Hitler and

Of Stalin's purported rumi-

nations, which are the book's

intellectual core, one can say that at their best they are

inferior to the benchmark

Warner's earlier work, Joan of Arc: The Image of Female Heroism (1981) that has done so much to help us to understand both the cult of Joan and super-myth.

There is no myth without interpretation, and to pro-claim Joan of Arc, "in her own words" as Willard Trask tries to do, is absolute bosh. The trial manuscripts were not written by Joan, nor were her confessions to her Chaplain, and for us, at least, whatever we read is in translation.

do not deny that Joan's voice can be heard in the trial documents. What I do not accept is that there is any way for us to hear it unmediated. Trask's supposedly plain edition in fact turns the court account into a first person narrative, which it is not, rearranges the statements according to subject matter, footnotes nothing, and tells us that it has not been practicable to indicate omissions. The interested reader will be much better served by the rather quaint but scholarly 1956 W. S. Scott translation offered in The Trial of Joan of Arc. Trask's version, the Maid stripped bare, unarmoured by history or context, might be seen as another incarnation in Joan's endless rebirth, this the American

Going back to basics

demand for books about Richard Feynman, from a non-scientific readership fascinated by the fact that a great scientist can also be a human being, and from a scientifically literate readership awed by his achievements.

but hoping that somehow they might learn to be like the great man. The heart of this book — the "lost lecture" itself is strictly for the cognoscenti. But it is accompanied by an historical introduction and a charming reminiscence from David Goodstein, who was a colleague of Feynman's at the California Institute of Technology, which will also appeal to the broader canon of Feynman fans.

The surprise, to anyone who knows that Feynman was a genius who helped to lay the foundations of modern quantum theory, is the subject matter of the lecture. It goes right back to the time of Newton and Kepler, and provides a proof, using only the mathematical techniques accessible to Newton's peers. that the elliptical orbits of the planets around the Sun result from the inverse

quare law of gravity. When Newton pre-sented his version of this proof to the Royal Society in the 1680s, it in science, establishing that the Universe at large obeys simple, universal mathemati-cal rules — the same rules apply to the fall of an apple from a tree, or the orbit of a planet around the

This is why the subject held such fascination for Feynman that he devoted a lecture to it, during the series of lectures he gave the undergraduJohn Gribbin on a physicist's enduring appeal

FEYNMAN'S LOST LECTURE The Motion of Planets Around the Sun By David L. Goodstein and Judith R. Goodstein Cape. £16.00 ISBN 0-224-04394-3

early 1960s. Most of these lectures were gathered together and published as The Feynman Lectures on Physics, and are still in print. But the historical aside on planetary orbits didn't fit that template. which is why it was put to one side and "lost" for 30 years.



An engaging lecturer: Feynman (left) with his students at Cal Tech, 1964

Newton's demonstration of the law of ellipses is, say the Goodsteins, "one of the crowning achievements of the human mind, comparable to Beethoven's symphonies, or Shakespeare's plays, or Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. The snag is that it is not as accessible to the lay person as any of these masterpieces. You do not have to be a musician to enjoy music, a playwright to appreciate drama, or a painter to get a thrill from the Sistine Chapel. But you do have to be at least something of a mathematician to thrill at the achievements of Newton, or

Jonathan Mirs

Einstein, or Feynman.
The Goodsteins have gone a long way towards making a tough piece of geometry accessible to people who gave up maths as soon as the school system allowed them to. By taking us step by step through the proof, they provide insight into the way scientists think, as well as into the importance of this particular puzzle. It is a brave piece of work, and even braver to market it in a book aimed at the general public.

Without Feynman's name, it would have been impossible. To anyone with any interest at all in science, the result is fascinating: whether it really will be intelligible to a wider audience is very hard to say. But I am delighted to see the book being marketed in this way, because the image of Feynman the playboy scientist has rended to obscure the fact that he was a brilliant thinker and one of the finest scientists ever. not just of his generation. This book will do

Vistas peopled by heroes

n a tent at Hrútafjördur in the summer of 1871, the sleep of William Morris, his business partner Faulkner and his translator Magnusson is disturbed by a large figure looming at the tent-flap and drunkenly bellowing: I am told off to watch your horses!" Taking the hint, Morris pours "Wolf the Unwashed" (as he dubs him) a slug of whisky and

settles back to sleep. However: "Presently back he comes and says as if he were another person 'I'm told off to watch the horses!" Morris obliges again, and, when he hears Wolf out in the meadow, singing "a ballad in four-line stanza with a burden at each stanza's end", he is at first charmed and honoured by this throwback to the world Glyn Maxwell

WILLIAM MORRIS Icelandic Journals With an Introduction by Magnus Magnusson and a Preface by Fiona MacCarthy Mare's Nest, £15.99 ISBN 0-900000-12-0

of the bardic heroes. But soon "it began to be a rather wearisome addition". When the "dismal bellow" finally ends, "lo the tent pulled open again, and there he is. asking us, as if he were yet a new person, if he shall sing a little song to us".

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Icelanders will tell you that Europe's last thousand years passed in their last hundred. Here is the only place in the world where a time-traveller's millennial leap would discover more alteration in the coastline than in the conversation. For Morris, as for Auden and Mac-Neice sixty years on, Iceland was the setting for the Sagas and Eddas. Contemporary figures dot the landscape like tiny technicians long after the show. Though Morris met Jon Sigurdsson, father of the independence movement and one of Iceland's greatest figures, he noted him merely as "a literary man whose editions of Sagas I know very well".

The Iceland of 1871 was in many ways

indistinguishable from that of 1571 or 1271.

For the Sagas alone people Morris's leeland. His beautifully simple but detailed accounts of the landscape are heightened by his knowledge of what had happened there. Thoreyarnupr is "the Slaying-bardi as he came back from the Heath-Slayings". Midfjördur Water is where the ballplay in Grettla went on". Morris knows as well as the old farmers that the Sagas are not myths.

As the incident with "Wolf" attests,

however, Morris's idealised Sagaland is constantly being assailed by the present. He is not a natural traveller and too earnest a writer to gloss over his many discomforts. When the consoling mist of the Sagas momentarily lifts, he exclaims: "Lord! what littleness and helplessness has taken the place of the old passion and

violence that had place here once ... "
This nostalgic delusion that humankind once graced, rather than disgraced, the world informs Morris's peculiar behaviour at the farm of Stafholt, when his hosts "offered to show me a seam of coal that lay, they said, in the cliffside above Nordurá . . . I in my hatred of coal was incurious and refused."

That is to the Icelanders of geological interest is to Morris a symbol of what has ruined both the century and country he actually lives in. His happiest moments come when his experience fuses with his literary imagination, riding towards Thingvellier — most storied place of Iceland — or hearing a farmer say, as Morris brushes himself off after an ignominious fall from his horse: "The skjald is not quite used to riding then!" Morris would have undergone numberless indignities to be named bard by a man of Iceland.

Dante Gabriel Rosetti's drawing of Jane Morris in an Icelandic smock (1872)

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Stalin, by Mann out of Robbins

Andrei Navrozov

DUST AND ASHES By Anatoli Rybakov Translated by Antonina W. Bouis Hutchinson, El6.99 ISBN 009 1746329

standard in Vasily Grossman's period novel Life and Fate. But where Grossman's Stalin is the magic wand of totalitarianism that focuses the energies of a nation on a goal of world domination, here he is portrayed as a kind of angry pensioner, unfit for power and occupying the Kremlin because of a cosmic error. It was the Russian people that won it, according to Rybakov — and, funnily enough, according to the hist-ory myth inculcated into Rybakov's and another hundred million heads by Stalin.

insights into the mind of the man who almost lost the world to Nazism but ended up conquering Europe. A serious answer to such questions in the form of a highly specialised study of Stalin's armaments programme, Ice-breaker by Viktor Suvorov, has recently sold five million copies in Russia. For Rybakov now to base a sweeping his-torical interpretation of the

great tyrant on little more than gossip, intuition and his own, necessarily subjective and limited experience of the war, is sheer hubris. trial at the House of Unions. A

Russian readers are justifi-ably addicted to their writers'

Where Rybakov is quite as formidable as Grossman is in period detail. Here Vadim is trying to provoke his father, a famous doctor, into condemning an ongoing show trial:
"Gnawing on a chicken leg
... Vadim said: I was at the

creepy spectacle. I must tell you. "His father ate in silence.

"Bukharin. Rykov, and Yagoda are lousy, political vipers, and I understand their story. But the doctors - Levin, Kazakov, and most of all, Dmitri Dmitriyevich Pletnev. I couldn't believe my own ears. hat he was confessing to." "His father, bent over his

plate, continued eating.
"I don't understand. What
made him do it? Murdering
Kuibyshev and Maxim Gorky

Andrei Andreyevich put down his knife and fork, wiped his mouth with a napand. looking past Vadim, said calmly, 'Dmitri Dmitriyevich did not treat Kuibyshev." It is historic moments and

domestic microcosms like this dining room scene - tense, historically accurate and extremely convincing in the good, old-fashioned sort of way - that lend Rybakov's blockbusters the intellectual respectability which Russian readers still require of their writers. But one wishes that he would leave the political mi-

Springs eternal

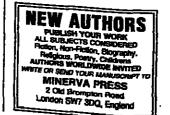
ond novel, A Conspiracy of Hope (Serpent's Tail, £9.99: ISBN 1 85242 5172) tells the stories of its two principal characters, Jamie and Rachel, from school-leaving to when Jamie is in his forties and Rachel in her thirties. Jamie reacts against his workingclass Scottish family and escapes initially to America; Rachel completes a university degree but then sets out travelling across Europe to find herself. Jamie and Rachel first meet on a Greek island; in the final part of the novel, set several years later, Rachel and

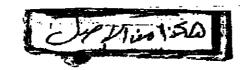
Jamie meet in London. Summarised like that this Summarised like that this novel may sound lame. But like the author's striking debut. The Borough, it isn't. Cannon observes his characters wryly, but always with a profound humanity. A part of the deeper power of the book is precisely that it deals with unexceptional people. In the factory where he works briefly, Jamie is alienated by his ly, Jamie is alienated by his

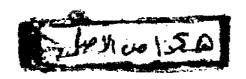
ease with the repression and hypocrisy of her family. They are both undramatic outcasts from their classes and the novel vividly succeeds in exploring their undramatic but hence widely representa-tive — sense of displacement

The close of the novel is a version of "boy gets girl". But the underlying melancholy with which these lives are viewed is not contradicted by the relative solace of the conclusion. The blurb speaks of a love story "with attitude". That makes the story sound crass, which is one thing that it certainly isn't,

AIDAN DAY







Jonathan Mirsky assesses a balanced examination of the difficulties that face both China and Hong Kong as 1997 approaches

n Michael Yahuda's elegantly written book — the best available on Hong Kong on the eve of the handover to China — there is an arresting paragraph: British policies on the Hong Kong issue have not only been shaped by a sense of moral responsibility for the welfare of the people of Hong Kong, but they have also been fuelled by a sense of guilt ... Hong Kong's people are perhaps better qualified ... to govern themselves than probably any colony granted independence since the Second World War. Yet they are to be handed back to the authority of a dictatorial government . . responsible by its own admissions for the callous deaths of millions of its

Did someone leak an advance copy of this book to Governor Chris Patten? On July 10, in a speech in London, he made the daringly un-PC statement: Britain's Empire was a moral force and one for the good". He then recalled that in December 1984. when Mrs Thatcher, as she then was, came to Hong Kong from Peking after she had signed the treaty which returned the colony to

Machismo and a moral defence

HONG KONG China's Challenge By Michael Yahuda Routledge, £37,50 ISBN 0 415 14070 6

China in 1007, Emily Lau, who was then a ferocious journalist and is now an equally ferocious legislalor, asked the Prime Minister if she thought delivering "over five million people into the hands of a communist dictatorship was "moraliy defensible."

During the Hong Kong endgame. Mr Patten therefore observed, Britain's policies towards Hong Kong must be mor-ally defensible.

Nor does China hold every card. Mr Yahuda, Reader in Interna-tional Relations at the London School of Economics, says that while there is a clock in Tiananmen Square displaying to



Margaret Thatcher and Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang toast Hong Kong's future, December 1984

the second the time remaining before the change in Hong Kong's sovereignty. "the seconds tick for Peking too". Hence the dual meaning of the word "challenge" in the

If China manages a smooth handover, preserving the ex-colony's laws and freedoms, he says, thus ensuring that the basis and practice of its economic success remain intact, the mainland's

economy will continue its rapid modernisation and its internationfrom Tiananmen) will improve.

al stature (never fully recovered As Mr Yahuda observes, there are considerable obstacles to this

course. Apart from Hong Kong. 1996-97 will be a fateful year for China. Deng Xiaoping will probably die and the leadership struggle for succession will emerge openly in a party congress. Additionally, he says, re-securing Hong Kong represents for many Chinese an end to 150 years of colonial humiliation. For the new leaders, therefore, wielding China's axe or scalpel in Hong Kong, rather than allowing it the great measure of autonomy guaranteed in the 1984 treaty, would display nationalist

machismo. One of Mr Yahuda's great strengths is his fairness, which over the years has ensured him access to British, Chinese, and Hong Kong officials. He under-lines that China and Hong Kong "evolved amid deepening ignorance of important aspects of each others ways of life. Whitehall, too, is a mystery. Peking, Mr Yahuda points out, cannot believe the British have sacrificed trade

advantages "for a moral cause that at the end of the day may yield Britain precious little". Resonating in the brains of China's negotiators is Deng Xiaoping's precept:
"Watch those British lest they grab Hong Kong's capital".

I disagree with Mr Yahuda for laying as much stress as he does on the steadily improving Sino-British relations, which in my view result not from give-and-take, as he suggests, but from British give. Pity the Foreign Office foot soldiers in this diplomatic Dunkirk where there is no VE-Day in

B ut he is right to say that "it is impossible to envision cir-cumstances more conducive to undermining confidence in the run-up to the handover" than Peking's installation in Hong Kong of a parallel government and legislature "working on different principles and to different agen-das". In 1997, when you are watching this end of moral empire six million people to a regime from which they or their parents fled, keep this book at your side.

brothers' deaths.

him to conquer rival tribes and exact revenge for his

Stockwell, meanwhile, pro-

vides the novel's philosophical

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admires the pluck of the

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tives of 26 nations met at the international Meridian Conference in 1884, they voted to make the Greenwich Meridian the universal reference point for measuring longitude and time. But the French, who of course would not admit that Paris was not the centre of the world, insisted that the base meridian should instead run through their Paris Observatory, two degrees east of Greenwich. Still the world (and eventually the French) acquiesced to Greenwich Mean Time, which now extends into outer space.

We seem to have forgotten that time is longitude and longitude is time. For the timezones of the world are measured in hours (and degrees of longitude) east and west of Greenwich. Dava Sobel's graceful and lively little book will help us see how Greenwich attained its universal eminence. It also puts the spotlight on a neglected hero in the saga of the British Empire. Few others did as much as the lonely, inventive John Harrison (1693-1776) to help the British find their bearings on the sea. Other notables in this story include Sir Isaac Newton, Captain James Cook, and Captain William Bligh of the Bounty.

The British obsession with "the longitude problem" was inspired by a catastrophe on October 22, 1707, when four homebound British warships ran aground at the Isles of Scilly with a loss of some 2,000 men. The captain had no reliable way of finding his whereabouts and the islands had loomed unexpectedly.

Latitude - bearings north

and south of the Equator. marked by the northern and southern boundaries of the sun's apparent motion over the year - had posed a manageable problem. But longitude, the east-west marker. was far more difficult to distinguish at sea. So the British Parliament, in a famous Longitude Act of 1714. offered a reward of £20,000 for a Practicable and Useful" means of determining longitude at sea. The prize was to be awarded by a Board of Longinide, which offered an attractive stage for personal posturing, bureaucratic delay. academic envy, and professional malice. Harrison would suffer all these before he

received his reward. The grand rivalry was be-tween the astronomical meth-

IN OCTOBER Robert Parker.

the classical literary don at Oriel College, Oxford, will

transfer to New College as

Wykeham Professor of An-

cient History. What! A literary

scholar not merely muddying

his paws in the mire of ancient

history but plunging in head

first and professing it? It is

excellent news. No longer can

the ancient world be packaged

and labelled "literature" or

"history" or "culture", as if

they were somehow polarised,

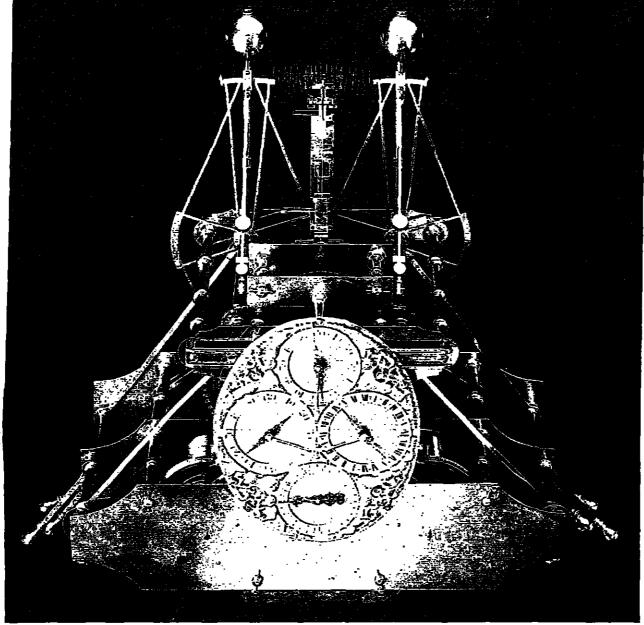
discontinuous subject-areas.

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sets out the incumbent profes-

sor's agenda with impressive

It is worth emphasising that



Finding time and place: Harrison's first submission for the longitude prize, "H1", which nearly won the bounty in 1736

od (based on measurement of lunar distances and moon-tostar distances) and the chronometric method using some kind of clock. The former enjoyed the enthusiasm of the Board's famous scientists and astronomers royal, who had a vested interest in its technicality. But it was difficult on a rolling ship, required much auxiliary data and mathematical expertise and might take hours to calculate.

n melodramatic contrast to the members of the Board, John Harrison had no formal education and had never even been apprenticed to a watchmaker. but had the passion and imagination of the amateur. The word "chronometer" first came into English usage about 1714 to describe a timekeeper designed for precision at sea.

Apart from the obvious problems of the pitch and roll of a ship, an effective timekeeper at sea had to remain accurate despite wide variations of temperature which made the parts expand and contract and so affected their rate of movement. Harrison had already solved this problem for pendulum clocks by his dever "gridiron" design. When the pendulums in clocks expanded with the heat they grew longer and ticked more slowly. Knowing that every metal expands at its own characteristic rate, he ingeniously combined long and short strips of two metals -

brass and steel - in one pendulum. The strips counteracted each other's changes as temperature varied and so the pendulum kept a constant length. A chronometer

on a rolling ship could not depend on a moving pendulum but had to be activated and controlled by springs. For this purpose Harrison devised his own "grasshopper" escapement. Lubrication was also a problem for a timekeeper in widely varying temperatures: machines needed oil in their gears, but lubricants got thicker or thinner with changes in temperature during a voyage, and so made the clock run slower or faster.

Freezing temperatures might stop the clock altogether. Harrison, the master carpenter. devised a clock that never needed lubrication. The parts that normally needed lubrication he carved of lignum vitae, a tropical hardwood that exudes its own grease.

In his early tower clock in Brocklesby Park (built in 1722) and still running today) Harri-

son had made

the gears from oak. But he used LONGITUDE oak only from By Dava Sobel last-growing Fourth Estate, £12 trees with a wide grain that was especially strong

because of the high percentage of new wood. Harrison's struggle for the Longitude Prize is a parable of the inspired amateur. Acute in self-criticism, he never ceased to see better ways of doing the job. Which makes Dava Sobel's well-crafted story a history not of one invention. but of a series. In 1735, William Hogarth,

the artist who had begun life as an engraver of watchcases, in his popular Rake's Progress showed a "longitude lunatic" sketching his own wild solution on the walls of Bedlam Asylum. By the time of Harrison's death, the chronometer for finding longitude was standard equipment for captains of the East India Company. In 1791, when the Company issued new logbooks, the printed pages showed a special column for "Longitude by Chronometer'

It was John Harrison, more than anyone else, who had perfected the device that would give these empire-builders their bearings. He had led the way for the chronometer as the only "Practicable and Useful" solution to the longitude problem. In a nation built on a seaborne empire he had created a new industry of marine timekeeping which made Greenwich Mean Time in the late 20th century still an appropriate symbol of British conquest of the oceans. And we can thank Dava Sobel for rescuing this suspense-tale of technology and seafaring for

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all us armchair discoverers.

n 1814. Thomas Kendali set sail for New Zealand to make Christians of the cannibals. Armed with faith and muskets, he helped to Armed with establish the first Christian Mission and later founded a schoolhouse for Maori childfaith ren. But Kendall soon earned the rancour of his fellow missionaries by openly trad-ing in guns and powder, drinking too much and taking a Maori woman as his second and wife. Reports of the man's outlandish behaviour eventumuskets ally reached London, and the Church Missionary Society

Kendall's diaries and letters, fascination with the Maori along with other sources of the gods and system of belief. She period, provide the inspiration reveals Hongi Hika's determfor Judy Corbalis's ambitious ination to befriend the English first novel. (She has also - and to acquire from them written several stories for the muskets that will allow children.) In the voices of its protagonists - Kendall, his illiterate wife, Jane, a convict,

Richard Stockwell, and the Maori chieftain Hongi Hika - Tapu tells the story of the missionary group's struggle for survival among the Noble Savages Kendall planned to

suspended him in 1823.

civilise. For the most part, Corbalis convincingly evokes narra-tors. The self-righteous Kendall longs for the intellectual company London once afforded him and dismisses his unschooled wife's sturdy pragmatism. But it is Jane's simple clear-sightedness that dominates the novel, With a brood

Sellers

TAPU **By Judy Corbalis** Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99 ISBN 185619 339 X

of small children to feed and a steadfast memory of the harsh realities of the rural life she once led in England, she has little time for her husband's theological sophistry: "Thy God that flogs a poor man if he steals a hare? Transports a man for pheasants and a leveret? Thy God that hangs his children for a loaf of bread?" Abandoned by Kendall when he escorts Hongi Hika to London, Jane accepts from the Maori the gift of a meal that saves her and her children from certain starvation: "And I still remembers the taste of that pork, like to nowt I have tasted all me life . Delicate it were, the crackling crisp and full, the fat dripping down me chin and the sweet white soft flesh beneath so good to taste it would make me mither's best Lincoln pork to taste like swamp hen ... No bar to me it were a human soul. And do it

again I would, I swears, if it were that or perish." Barbarism, it seems, is in the eye of the beholder. But this is more than an elaborate reworking of the well-worn theme of cultural relativism. Corbalis's consistent sympathy for her characters makes their individual stories engaging. She traces Kendall's growing friendship with Hongi Hika, and his new

in the 6th century BC was to

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Rituals of bureaucratic gods

Peter Jones

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(say) Christianity. Bibles, creeds and concepts like love and sin play no part. Far from demanding particular behaviour or belief, Greek gods primarily required acknowledgement, in some ritual form. Priests did not solve tricky theological problems or ensured correct procedure. The required effort of imagination is considerable. Religion is like language: selfexplanatory to speakers, an illogical, babel nonsense to non-speakers.

Parker's title is carefully chosen. He points out that scholars tend to study Greek religion as a panhellenic phenomenon, and admits that, for example, the Greeks' strong sense of common cultural identity gives them grounds. Nevertheless, he argues that our evidence for Athenian religious practice is sufficient

to permit intensive study of

provide moral exhortation but Athens alone, and here sets tes was commonly perceived out to show how religion intersects with Athenian history and society from the 8th to 3rd centuries BC.

The notorious execution of Socrates in 309 BC for "impiety" (not believing in the city's gods, introducing new gods and corrupting the young) illustrates Parker's methods

He points out that "corruption of the young" was the main charge that the various surviving "defences of Socratex" tried to counteract, and uses the comic poet Aristophanes' parody Clouds to show that (however wrongly) Socraas a sophist and atheist. He goes on to argue that, especially in the late 5th century BC (possibly as a result of Athens' political demise), the finger was increasingly pointed at the corrupting influence of these thinkers. The charges relating to gods simply added to the gravity of the offence. since in democratic Athens only the people could authorise their introduction.

PARKER'S connections range far and wide. He argues, for example, that the main function of the great calendar of sacrifices drawn up by Solon

determine how much state money should be spent on what gods, and when (religion and economics); that the aristocratic rich used religious show to demonstrate their status (religion and power); and that the invention of democracy led to the elevation of Athens itself as an object of worship second only to the gods, and to that extent. religion was therefore not so much a mechanism for controlling the world as for celebrating Athenian achievements within it (religion and

It all bodes exceedingly well for ancient history at Oxford.

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Parker's book is no beginners' guide. Users must understand that at almost no point does Greek religion intersect with

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Two rules of reinsurance contracts

Hill and Others v Mercantile and General Reinsurance Co

. Berry and Others v Same Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern. Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill, Lord Styrm of Hadley and Lord Hoff-

[Speeches July 24]

There were only two rules, first, that the reinsurer was not liable unless the loss fell within the policy reinsured and the cover created by the reinsurance and, second, that the parties were free to agree on ways of proving that the require-ments were satisfied.

Since under the contracts between the parties there were issues. settlement or compromise settle-ment and since there might be arguable defences, there was an issue or question which ought to be tried that was sufficient to exclude the possibility of summary judg-ment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The House of Lords so held allowing appeals by the defen-dants. Mercantile and General Reinsurance Co plc [M&C], from a decision dated July 7, 1994 of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Waite) (The Times July 25: [1995] LRLR 160), whereby the court allowed appeals of the plaintiffs in one action, Mr Clarence Roy Hill and members of Lloyd's Syndicates 2, 176 and 372 and Mr John Robert Charman and members of Lloyd's Syndicates 488 and 532, and of the plaintiffs in the other action, Mr Tony Robert Berry and members of Lloyd's Syndicates 536 and 539 and other plaintiff members of 22 other syndicates, from a decision dated January 31, 1994 of Mr Justice Rix.

The syndicates issued writs seeking orders against M & G for, inter ulia, payment of the appropriate proportions of the full insured value under reinsurance contracts in respect of damage to 15 aircraft owned by the Kuwait Airways

Council duty

to assess

special needs

had in place existing arrange-

ments to provide services of a kind

which, in the light of the assess-ment, the applicant might need.

Mr Justice Laws so held in the

Queen's Bench Division on July 9

when allowing an application by P. through his mother and next friend, for judicial review and

making orders of (i) certiorari to

quash a decision of the respondent.

the County of Berkshire on

November 30, 1995 assessing the

applicant's special needs, and (ii)

mandamus requiring the respon-

ment of those needs in accordance

with section 47(1) of the 1990 Act.

HIS LORDSHIP said that sec-

tion 47(1) contemplated not only

the provision of community care

services but also arrangement by

the authority for such provision, and that the authority's duty to

assess was not conditional on its

being shown that there were in

existence arrangements to provide

the relevant services.

proper for summary judgments and gave M & G unconditional leave to defend.

Mr V. V. Veeder, QC and Mr George Leggatt for M & G: Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and Mr Andrew Popplewell for the

LORD MUSTILL said that the

First, there was a contract be-tween KAC and a number of

The aircraft were insured on agreed values totalling US \$692 million. The policy also provided that "the maximum sum insured in respect of ground risks is US \$300 million any one

The second contract was a policy whereby syndicates or companies in the London market, the primary reinsurers, reinsured the Kuwaiti insurers in respect of the direct insurances on terms said to be identical to those of the direct insurance. The contract gave the primary reinsurers complete control over negotiations and settle-

with the primary reinsurers and came to rest, evidently after many

Corporation (KAC), in August 1990, in consequence of Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and taking

rward contracts.

Kuwaiti insurance companies whereby the latter insured KAC against loss or damage to 15 aircraft for the period between July I, 1990 and June 30, 1991 caused by, inter alia, "(a) War, invasion, acts (whether war be declared or not) . (e) Confiscation, nationalisation, seizure, restraint detention appropiation, requisition for title or use by or under the order of any

occurrence..."

ment of losses. Next, there were chains of excess of loss reinsurances, the intermediate reinsurances, which started

Discretion must not be fettered

Regina v Berkshire County Regina v Secretary of State Council, Ex parte P for the Home Department, The duty of a local authority to

Ex parte Hastrup assess a disabled applicant's spe-A minister of the Crown would cial needs, pursuant to section 47(1) fetter his discretion unlawfully if of the National Health Service and he laid down a policy which had to Community Care Act 1990, was not be applied rigidly in particular conditional upon its being shown that the local authority in question

It was not unlawful for the Home Secretary to deport a man with a bad record of immigration offences even though he was married to a British citizen and they had a British child. That was so despite internal Home Office policy guidance that in such cases immigration history was rarely

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Hutchison) so held on July 17 when allowing an appeal by the Home Justice Hidden on November 28. 1995 quashing a decision to deport Adevemi Hastrup as an illegal

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said nothing in the policy guidance nt Marriage and Children (DP/2/93) fettered the Home Secretary's discretion although it did give him guidance. The policy did not say that immigration history

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The syndicates took out sum-

monses under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for summary judgments. The judge decided that the cases were not

issues arose on assumed facts for summary judgments. Four sets of contracts were involved.

circles through the spiral, with cerain syndicates or companies, the inward reinsured.

The penultimate set of contracts comprised further excess of loss reinsurances made between the inward reinsured and certain sydicates represented in the current litigation by the individual respondents to the two conjoined appeals now before the House, the

That contract included the following term, described as "settlements clause... in respect of aviation business": "All loss settle-ments by the reassured including compromise settlements and the establishment of funds for the settlement of losses shall be binding upon the reinsurers, providing such settlements are within the terms and conditions of the orig-inal policies and/or contracts ... and within the terms and conditions of this reinsurance."

Finally, there were the "outward contracts". They were excess of loss policies, made by the syndicates with various companies and syndicates, including M&G, in respect of the risks reinsured under the inward policies. It was under those contracts that the present dispute had arisen. It was agreed that they all incorporated the settlements clause.

The events which were said to found claims under the policies along the chain were that on August 2, 1990 tracti invading forces seized control of the 15 aircraft on the ground at Kuwait airport. Within the following few days, the aircraft were flown to Iraq. Subsequently, they suffered damage. Those events took place during the cover of the direct contracts and of all the

reinsurances On any view of the facts, the losses occurred while the aircraft were on-risk under the direct contracts. Further, on the basis that the origin of the ultimate destruction was the invasion of Kuwait and the removal of the aircraft it would be arguable that the whole matter constituted "any

the aggregate limit of the direct contract insurance or reinsurance. As to the outward contracts, if the aircraft should be regarded as lost when they were seized in Kuwait and soon afterwards taken away to Iraq the losses happened whilst the aircraft were on-risk under the outward contracts and it would be arguable that the losses were "arising from any one event",

The syndicates were not satisfied with the way the claims were being handled. They issued writs under the outward contracts seeking the appropriate proportions of the full insured value of the relevant aircraft and certain declarations

within joint excess loss clauses, for the purpose of calculating the net

There were only two rules, both obvious. First, that the reinsurer could

not be held liable unless the loss fell within the cover of the policy reinsured and within the cover created by the reinsurance. Second, that the parties were free to agree on ways of proving

satisfied.

Beyond that, all the problems came from the efforts of those in the market to strike a workable balance between conflicting practical demands and then to express

whether those requirements were

the balance in words. The crucial words in the settlements clause were "within the terms and conditions" of the original policies and of the reinsurance. Those words drew a distinction between the facts which generated claims under the two contracts, and the legal extent of the respective covers.

The purpose of the distinction was to ensure that the reinsurer's original assessment and rating of the risks assumed were not fal-sified by a settlement which, even soundly based on the facts, transferred into the inward or outward policies, or both, risks which properly lay outside them. That restriction was perhaps

to the second proviso. Here, the reinsurers were entitled to say that they rated the policy by reference to its chronological and geographical extent, to the types of casualty insured, to the boundaries of the insured layer, the mode of calculat-ing the loss, and so forth. Those variables, defined by the terms of the policy, founded the bargain between reinsurers and reinsured on the basis of which the premium

and other terms were set. The purpose of the second proviso was to keep that founda-tion intact and it would be undermined if an honest attempt by those further down the chain to ascertain the legal consequences of the facts could impose on the reinsurers responsibilities beyond those expressed in the policies.

So also with the first proviso. The reinsurers undertook to pro-tect the reinsured against risks which they had written, not risks

which they had not written. To allow even an honest and conscientious appraisal of the legal implications of the facts embodied in an agreement between the parties down the chain to impose on the reinsurers risks beyond those which they had undertaker and those which the reinsured had undertaken would effectively rewrite the outward contract. It was that which the provisos were

designed to forestall That opinion, combined with the existence of arguable defences, was sufficient to exclude the possibility of summary judgment, based on any settlements which could be alleged to have been made. Quite apart from that there was the question whether there was a "loss settlement ... or compromise settlement within the settlement

Under the clause there was an issue or auestion in dispute which ought to be tried. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff. Lord Slynn and Lord Hoffmann

Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gil-bert; Clyde & Co: Manches & Co.

Union's opposition was not industrial action

Brigades Union Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord

Justice Millett and Lord Justice (Judgment July 31)

The Fire Brigades Union's oppo-sition to full-time fire fighters being additionally employed on retained fire fighting contracts did not constitute other industrial action within the meaning of section 65(2)(a) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Therefore full-time employees who were disciplined by the union for entering into retained contracts had not been unjustifiably disci-plined for failing to participate in or support a strike or other industrial action. The Court of Appeal so held

when unanimously dismissing an appeal by Michael Knowles and David Johnson, two full-time fire fighters employed by Shropshire County Council, from a decision dated December 8, 1995 of the Employment Appeal Tribunal overruling a decision of an industrial tribunal sitting in South London on October 20, 1993 that the Fire Brigades Union's oppo-sition constituted other industrial

Mr Jeremy McMullen. QC and Mr Jonathan Gavaghan for the employees; Mrs Laura Cox, QC and Mr Nicholas Randall for the

fires. They received an extra fee for

Commissioners of Customs

A dishonest failure to apply for

registration for value-added tax was conduct capable of engaging liability to a penalty under section 13(1) of the Finance Act 1985, and

subsection (3) provided how "the

amount of tax evaded or ... sought to be evaded" was to be calculated

and Excise v Stevenson

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said THE that retained fire fighters were not in full-time employment but were naid a fee each year to be ready and on standby to be called out for

Knowles and Another v Fire each lire to which they were

For about 15 years from 1961 a system was in force whereby full-time fire fighters were eligible to undertake duties similar to those of retained fire lighters. That system was not (avoured by the union and by 1977 it was decided to phase it out. In 1986, however, due to difficulties with recruitment of retained fire fighters, the employ-ers proposed to reintroduce fulltime retained duties.

That was unanimously rejected by the union at its annual conference and members were informed. The union recommended rejection of retained contracts for full-time fire fighters and a campaign to eradicate the whole time/retained duty system.

On April 15, 1992 both appellants enrolled as retained fire fighters. In October 1992 the union's disciplinary committee resolved that the annellants should be exhelled They commenced the present proceedings.
His Lordship said that indus-

trial action could take many forms, but in the absence of any statutory definition, any attempt at a paraphrase was unlikely to be useful. The question of what was industrial action for the purposes of

section 65 was a mixed question of fact and law. In large measure it was a question of fact but the facts had to be judged in the context of the 1992 Act which plainly contemplated that industrial action was a It was necessary to look at all the

circumstances which included the contracts of employment of the

Dishonest failure to seek

VAT registration

so held on July 16 in a reserved

judgment dismissing the appeal of

Mr C. S. Stevenson, managing

director of Telford Building and

Design Ltd. against the judgment of Mr Justice Buxton ([1995] STC

667) when he allowed the appeal of

the commissioners against the

decision on February 10, 1994, of a

London VAT tribunal which

terms of the contract were involved, the effect on the employer the object which the union or the

employees sought to achieve. In the present case the relevant I At the date the appellants were

expelled from the union the policy had been in force for over 18 months. The object to be achieved by the union's policy was to nrevent a unilateral departure from the terms which had been agreed in 1977.

2 The policy did not require full-

time workers to break or depart from the terms of their existing contracts. It merely required fire fighters not to undertake additional new contracts. There was no evidence to sugges

that either the county council or the union contemplated that the pressure exerted by the union required the support of a ballot.

4 It was reasonable to assume that some of the 45 other fire fighters had refused offers of retained contracts. But their compliance with the union's policy did not on the facts of the case amount to a clear indication that the union and its members had crossed the threshold into taking industrial action within the meaning of

The Employment Appeal Tribunal was justified in concluding that the industrial tribunal had misdirected itself in treating pressure plus inhibition resulting from ressure as a sufficient test of industrial action.

Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Phillips agreed. Solicitors: Free Representation Unit; Robin Thompson & Partners.

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said

that Parliament clearly intended the present type of tax evasion to be

caught by the wide words of section [3(1).

submitted, to penalise tax evasion only when it was achieved follow-

If Parliament had intended, as

School should consider effect on victim

Borough Council, Ex parte H (a Minor)

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice

(Judgment July 30) In considering whether to reinstate two pupils permanently excluded from school by their headteacher for their involvement in the shoot-

ing of another pupil with a pellet gun, the school governors and local education authority representative acted unlawfully in failing properly to investigate inculpatory accounts of the in-cident and in failing properly to investigate the effect on the victim of the excluded pupils' return.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing H's appeal, by his father and next friend, against Mr Justice Turker's dismissal of H's application for judicial review on May 14, and remitting for rehearing the de-cision of Camden London Borough Council, by their local education authority representative, and school governors on April 23 not permanently to exclude two pupils.
A and B, from the school.

Mr Rabinder Singh for H. Ms Sarah Forster for the local education authority and governors: Mr Anthony Bradley for A and B.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that H, a child with special needs, suffered from impaired hearing which resulted in bullying at a previous school and cause emotional vulnerability. He moved to his current school in December 1995 and settled well.

In March 1996 while playing at school he was hit behind his ear by a pellet fired from a BB Air Sport gun by A. The weapon, of a type which could be bought in a toy shop, looked like a firearm. It had been brought into school the previous day by B. H lost consciousness for a short time and went to hospital with his father where he was kept under observa-

tion for four hours. The headteacher excluded A and B from the school for 12 days and subsequently decided to make that exclusion permanent. At a subsequent governors' meeting on April 23, to which A's and B's but not H's parents were invited, the governors and representative of the local education authority de-

Section 34 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986 and the articles of government of the school provided for it to be the duty of the governors and of the local education authority separately to consider whether each pupil excluded should be reinstated. The DFE Circular Exclusions from School. No 10/94 (May 1994) gave guidance as to the proper use of the

exclusion sanction. There were two significant grounds of challenge (i) that the governing body and the local education authority, unlike the headteacher, considered it important to decide whether A delib-erately fired the gun at H and that they made insufficient inquiries before resolving that issue; and (ii) that the governors and local education authority paid so much attention to the needs of A and B that other important matters, such as the effect of the decision on H. on other children and on the maintenance of discipline in the school, did not receive proper

The governors considered that in relation to A the crux of the matter was whether he intended to regarded as a critical issue then it was important to give careful and even-handed consideration to all of the available evidence in relation

The exculpatory accounts of A and B were carefully considered, the boys were questioned and A was given an opportunity to re-enact, but potentially inculpatory accounts were not investigated in the same way. Nor was any attempt made to find out what pupils said in the police investigations.

The critical effect of that lack of balance was that the governors were satisfied that the incident was not premeditated.

Governors and local education authority representatives did not on every occasion have to carry out searching inquiries involving call-ing oral evidence: but having decided what factual issues they had to resolve and what inquiries they could reasonably make to resolve them, the governors and local education authority had to make sure that the inquiries proposed were reasonably thorough and were not open to the criticism justifiably levelled in this case that they were unbalanced.

The governors and local edu-

cation authority were right to give considerable weight to the back-ground of A and B, including their individual problems, and to their apparent contrition. But where, as here, there was a child victim the overall case required some serious investigation of the effect which the proposed setting aside of the headteacher's decision would have on the injured boy

The governors assumed that if the permanent exclusion of A and B were lifted H would remain at the school and be able to come to terms with what had occurred. But that was something about which the governors and local education authority could quite easily, and therefore should, have obtained more information from H and H's father, the headteacher, education social worker, educational psychologist and perhaps also H's

The evidence might have indicated that in reality a choice had to be made between maintaining H in the school and reversing the dteacher's decision in relation w A and B.

If that was the case the gov-If that was the case the gov-ernors and local education au-thority might well have concluded that in justice to H. and in order to maintain discipline and good con-duct to secure an orderly learning environment in the school, they should not interfere with the decisions made by the

headteacher. The procedure in relation to the inquiry as a whole was flawed in two respects: first, by an inadequate investigation as to what happened when H was injured; and second, by an inadequate investigation of the probable effect of any interference with the cher's decisions on the future of H and thus on the future

The matter would be sent back for re-determination by a differently constituted committee of the governing body with a dif-ferent local education authority representative. His Lordship reached that conclusion with regret, recognising that those who fell into error nevertheless acted conscientiously in good faith with a desire to do their best for all

Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Thorpe agreed. Solicitors: Bindman & Partners; Ms Amanda Kelly, Camden; Teacher Stern Selhy.

Foster parent has right to appeal over special needs

Fairpo v Humberside County Conncil

Before Mr Justice Laws [Judgment July 16]

A local authority foster parent came within the definition of "parent" for the purposes of making an appeal in relation to a child in her care for whom the local authority had declined to make a statement of special educational

needs. Mr Justice Laws so stated in the Queen's Bench Division when adjudicating on a preliminary issue raised in an appeal by Jean Fairpo against a decision of the special educational needs tribunal of April 26, 1995 not to make a statement of special educational needs in respect of D, a child subject to a care order, to Humberside County Council placed with her as a local authority foster

parent Mr Paul Greaney for Mrs Fairpo: Mr Roger McCarthy, QC,

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that an issue raised by the council was of some substance and perhaps of some general importance in the context of the statutory regimes relating to the education and care of children.

Mr McCarthy submitted that the appellant had no legal right to appeal to the tribunal; only a parent enjoyed such a right and she was not within the meaning of the term "parent" as defined for the purposes of the Education Act

If that were correct, she had no locus standi since an appeal under the Tribunal and Inquiries Act 1992 could only be brought by a party to the proceedings below and "party" had to mean a proper party having regard to the statutory measures relating to locus before the tribunal whose decision parent could appeal to the tribunal under section 169 of the 1993 Act, and having regard to subsection (2) that was plainly right. The tri-bunal had no general jurisdiction, only that which was conferred by the subsection.

However, he submitted that the

appellant fell within the statutory definition of "parent", and even if she did not, she was nevertheless a proper party before the court under the terms of the 1992 Act. His Lordship addressed the sense to be attributed to "party" in

Section 11 provided: "(1) . . . if any party to proceedings before any tribunal specified . . . is dissatisfied in point of law with a decision of the tribunal he may ... appeal."

The premise of the scheme outlined in Order 55, rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which regulated the court's powers on a statutory appeal, was that the proceedings below were properly

constituted in the first place. In those circumstances it was plain that a "party" entitled to appeal under the 1992 Act must be a person who was properly before the tribunal: see S (a Minor) vSpecial Educational Needs Tribunal (The Times December 18, 1995; [1996] I WLR 382).

His Lordship rejected the argu-ment that even if Mrs Fairpo was not entitled to appeal to the tribunal nevertheless she was entitled to appeal to the court. The real question was whether she had any legal right to go to the tribunal under section 169 of the 1993 Act. That depended if she fell

The definition was found in section 114(1D) of the Education Act 1944, as inserted by Schedule 13 to the Children Act 1989, and was incorporated into the 1993 Act by section 305(3) of that Act.

voung person, includes any person - (a) who is not a parent of his but who has parental responsibility for him, or (b) who has care of him. . . "

His Lordship rejected the argument that the active exercise of parental repsonsibility by another. whether natural parent or local authority, must be taken to displace a person in Mrs Fairpo's position from the section 114(1D)(b) His Lordship could see no policy

reasons for excluding such a person. Had it been intended to dissaply the definition in such expected the 1993 Act to say so. In their natural sense the words of section 114(1D) were apt to apply Without wishing to commit the solecism of re-defining the statu-

hended that the reference in the subsection must be to someone involved in the full time care of the child on a settled basis. His Lordship acknowledged that was itself a formulation without hard edges, but it seemed to represent the thrust of what Parliament intended and to conform

tory definition, his Lordship appre-

words used. On that footing the potential for conflict might be modest in practice in relation to the child's

to the ordinary meaning of the

natural parents. As regards the local authority having parental responsibility, it was by no means obvious having regard to the whole of the statutory background, that where the au-thority disagreed with the foster parent about a matter touching the child's education, capable of resolution by the special educational needs tribunal, it was undesirable that the foster parent should be allowed to test the issue

Solicitors: Langleys, York, Mr

ing a dishonest declaration to the VAT authorities, it would have allowed the appellant's appeal The Court of Appeal (Lord against the imposition by the commissioners of a penalty for done so and not used the words It provided: "In this Act, unless before the tribunal. Justice Evans. Lord Justice Peter where . . . a person does any act or the context otherwise requires, 'parent', in relation to a child or was sought to be appealed. Gibson and Lord Justice Brooke) evasion of VAT by dishonest Mr Greaney accepted that only a Convention does not apply when proceedings discontinued

Internationale Nederlanden Aviation Lease BV and Others v Civil Aviation Authority

and Another Before Mr Justice Morison

in particular cases.

[Judgment June 13] As a court which was first seised of an action did not remain first seised once proceedings had been discontinued, articles 21 and 22 of the Brussels Convention 1968. which were concerned with concurrent proceedings, had no application when a party had properly discontinued the first set

of proceedings.

Mr Justice Morison so stated in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division, in a judgment given in open court following a hearing in chambers, when dismissing an application by Internationale Nederlanden Aviation Lease BV, a corporation established under the laws of The Netherlands, and EAL (Delaware) III Corporation, a corporation established under the laws of Delaware, and Air Operations of Europe AB, a corporation estab-lished under the laws of Sweden, to discontinue, proceedings arising out of the detention of an aircraft on October 22, 1993 by the Civil

Aviation Authority on behalf of Eurocontrol, the European Org-

anisation for the Safety of Air Navigation. Mr Andrew Lydiard for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr David Wolfe for

Eurocontrol.

MR JUSTICE MORISON said that proceedings had commenced on November 9, 1993 when the on invocation 5, 1995 when the plaintiffs, who were the mort-gagee, owner and lessee of the aircraft, alleged that the detention was unlawful. Proceedings were later brought

unlawful. He ruled that it was lawful. Those proceedings were not directly concerned with the merits of the plaintiffs action against the CAA and Eurocontrol, although

tious seizure of the aircraft".

by the CAA concerning the right to sell the aircraft. Judge Diamond was required to rule on the question as to whether the detention of the aircraft was lawful or

although not formally, the judge ruling rendered further process ings in the action somewhat

On August 1, 1995 the plaintiffs

commenced proceedings against Eurocontrol in Belgium. An issue

court under article 21 of the

The case pleaded against Eurocontrol in the Belgian proceedings comprised a claim for damages for "reckless and vexa-It was clear that the nature of the

claim in the Brussels action was equivalent to the tort of wrongful interference with property. In other words the plaintiffs were seeking from the Belgian court a finding that the detention was unlawful and if successful the indement would be inconsistent. judgment would be inconsistent with the judgment of the English

His Lordship approached the question of the extent that the court uld properly say anything about the Belgian proceedings and the way in which that court would approach articles 21 and 22: see and Others v New Hamoshire Insurance Company (Case C-351/89) ([1991] ECR 3517, 3348-9). It was not the court's function to 'second guess" let alone decide

ciple for the court to express any views as to how the Belgian court However, the position was complicated because the present

how the Brussels court would decide issues relating to articles

under the Convention. It would be impertinent and wrong in prin-

a general discretion. One of the vailing injustices to the parties were the application to be granted

Further, his Lordship was en-

titled, if not obliged, to have regard to the Convention in striking the His Lordship could not entirely disregard the position in the Brussels action and the application

The position was yet further complicated by the question as to whether a court which was first seised remained first seised even if the proceedings had been dis-continued.

The aim of the Convention was to promote the recognition and enforcement of judgments in states other than those in which they were delivered and it was therefore indispensable to limit the risk of irreconcilable decisions. To that end the Convention laid down rules which determined the place where the only litigation should be

If proceedings were commenced in more than one country, articles 21 and 22 enabled the courts to make orders which sought to ensure that different decisions

were not given on the same issues: the second set of proceedings were stayed so as to permit the first in time to be brought to judgment. It seemed reasonably clear that if articles 21 and 22 were directed at the problems caused by its alibi pendens, once the lis had ceased,

so that the court was no longer seised of the matter, the articles had no application. The proceedings must both be current so that they can be said to e concurrent. To that extent his Lordship was fully in agreement with what Mr Justice Potter had decided in Gamlestaden plc Casa de Suecia SA v Hans Thulin (1904)

Lloyd's Rep 433).
However, with respect the judge's reasoning could not be accepted. The question whether jurisdiction was established was not pertinent. The question was whether the court was still seised. A court might still be seised of a case although its jurisdiction was not established. Therefore, his Lordship would

respectfully suggest that the judge obviously meant that where there were no longer proceedings in the first court it was no longer seised of the matter and the second court need not decline jurisdiction in His Lordship regarded the decision of Mr Justice Potter and the case on which he relied as persuasive and compelling authority that articles 21 and 22 were concerned with concurrent proceedings and had no application when a party had properly discontinued the first set of proceedings.

The question arose, therefore, whether his Lordship should allow the plaintiffs to discontinue so as to remove the objection to the Brussels court's jurisdiction.

His Lordship would think it unsatisfactory and unjust that the present proceedings should be discontinued now before the making of a formal judgment which was essentially an administrative was essentially an administrative step to be taken in the light of the judge's findings and which could not now be challenged; and having regard to the fact that the case had come too for to be carried of being gone too far to be capable of being fairly unscrambled.

Furthermore it would, in general terms, be contrary to the policy of the Convention for the court first seised to permit discontinuance simply to enable the plaintiff to start another action in a different contracting state. The application would be

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Queen's Bench Division

Search warrant must be specific

Magistrates' Court and Another, Ex parte Cofie Before Lord Justice Beldam and Mrs Justice Smith [Judgment July 3]]

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Where a constable wished to search only a part of premises divided into separate dwellings and the common parts of those premises, he had to make clear to the justices in the information when applying for the warrant that the application was for a warrant so limited.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an application for judicial review by Ms Janet Cofie of the issue of a search warrant by the South Western Magistrates' Court on July 24, 1995 authorising Metro-politan Police officers to search premises at 78 Oxford Gardens. The court made a declaration that the warrant did not comply with section 15 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

Section 15 of the 1984 Act provides: "(o) A warrant — (a) shall specify — (i) the name of the person who applies for it; (ii) the date on

which is issued; (iii) the enactment under which it is issued; and (iv) the premises to be searched. . . " Section 23 provides: ... premises' includes any place ..."

Mr Richard Clayton for Ms Cofie: Mr Nicholas Ainley for the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis; the justices did not appear and were not represented. LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said

that Mr Clayton had submitted that the safeguards for the execution of search warrants contained in section 15 and 16 of the 1984 Act were not complied with and accordingly the entry and search of the premises was unlawful because the warrant did not com-

ply with section 15(6). Mr Clayton submitted that the warrant did not comply with the requirement of section 15 that it should specify the premises to be searched". The section had to be strictly

construed and where it was known t premises consisted of a number of separate dwellings, it was necessary to specify the dwelling in

His Lordship stated that not-

withstanding the definition of "premises" in section 23, where a constable knew that premises included or consisted of dwellings in separate occupation, in the context section 15(2)(b) a constable was required to specify the premises Which it was desired to enter and search.

In section 15(6)(a)(iv) the warrant was to specify premises to be searched. Bearing in mind the purpose of the section, to specify was to describe in explicit terms the particular premises which it was desired to search. So interpreted, the section did

only that part of the premises he desired to enter and search. Section 17 conferred powers of entry and search for the purpose of arrest irrespective of who was the occupier provided the constable executing the warrant reasonably suspected the person whom he wished to arrest to be on the

require the constable to describe

A constable applying for a warrant to search for property might, but not necessarily, would be in a better position to state what part of the property in multiple

than a constable who was going to execute a warrant of arrest. Nevertheless, the provisions of

section IS and 16 appeared to apply in warrants generally and to include warrants to search for property as well as for persons. Section 17(1)(b), (c), (d) were

situations in which a constable could exercise powers without a warrant and it might be that the draftsman included the provisions of 17(2) to cover cases in which there was no warrant although that would not explain why limitations were conferred in cases under section 17(1)(a). Be that as it may, where a

constable's desire was only to search a part of premises which was divided into separate dwell-ings and the common parts of the premises, it seemed to his Lordship that section 15 required that the constable applying for the warrant had to make clear to the justices in the information that the applica-tion was for a warrant so limited. Mrs Justice Smith agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Carlos Dabezies, North Kensington: Solicitor. Metropolitan Police.

Revenue disregarded injunction

Regina v Commissioners of Inland Revenue and Others, Ex parte Kingston Smith Before Mr Justice Buxton

[Judgment July 30] It was not open to officers of the Inland Revenue to disregard the nine warrants were obtained and terms of an injunction obtained by executed, telephone from the duty judge at the Royal Courts of Justice, nor was it possible for those officers to seek to negotiate away the effect of that injunction with the applicants.

Mr Justice Buxton so held in the Queen's Bench Division in contempt of court proceedings initi-ated by the court of its own motion arising out of an application for leave to move for judicial review removed made by Kingston Smith, a firm of chartered accountants.

Mr David Goldberg, QC, Mr John Walters and Mr Hugh Mc-Kay for the applicants; Mr John Goldring, QC and Mr Charles Miskin for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE BUXTON said that the proceedings had a pro-found effect and their implications would be far flung. The court had found itself in the unwelcome position of having to pursue serious breaches of one of its orders. It was to be understood that in so doing it was acting under its duty to uphold the rule of law. On July 9, 1996 the Commissioners of Inland Revenue ob-

tained 13 search warrants from a circuit judge at the Central Criminal Court under section 20C of the Taxes Management Act 1970, as inserted by Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 1976 and amended by section 146 of the Finance Act 1989, in connection with an investigation into tax frauds alleged to have been committed by two named individuals.

The warrants entitled officers of the Inland Revenue special compli-

was clear to his Lordship that the premises including those of the applicants. No suggestion had had not struck home. been made that the applicants

were in any way involved with the alleged tax frauds. The warrants were executed on July 11, 1996. On that day a further

During the search the Revenue proposed to seize computer back-up tapes or the computer hard

The applicants were concerned that material irrelevant to the investigation was to be scrutinised and that actual programs and records of the firm were to be

Accordingly, an application was made by telephone to his Lordship who was the duty judge on July II. 1996. His Lordship granted an injunction with immediate effect and expedited the hearing for leave to apply for judicial review.

It seemed to his Lordship appro-

priate at that stage to make an order to put the hard disk and back-up tapes into the applicant's solicitor's custody, for the applicants to give undertakings and for the search to cease.

There was to be an inter partes hearing the following day so that the appropriate position could be established.

However, although the Rev. enue's solicitor knew there was an injunction the search continued until 9.00pm. A Revenue officer had threatened the applicants with proceedings for obstruction if they did not allow the search to con-tinue. In his Lordship's view no citizen should have been put in that

At an earlier hearing the Revenue had not sought to justify what had taken place although there had been a great deal of justifi-catory material in the Revenue's affida vits. Only a legal officer had

position.

seriousness of what had transpired

Since the applicants, understandably, did not seek to apply to commit the commissioners, the court found itself in the difficult nosition of acting on its own motion to pursue the contempt. The court's remedy in such singtions included committal and sequestration. That was an extraordinary and most unwelcome position for the court to

find itself in. A great deal of further evidence had been put before his Lordship from the commissioners and their employees. In an affidavit the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, Mr Steve Matheson, had apologised to the court. His Lordship accepted the apology but noted that if

There had been a misunderstanding by the Revenue of the procedure and the nature of the ex parte relief granted by telephone. When a telephone application was made to the duty judge the applicant was told to inform the party subject to the injunction of the security number at the Royal

been offered earlier it would have

not been necessary to take further

that was twofold: First, the judge would always seek to ensure that his clerk was aware of such an order and its terms, so that he could verify the order upon request.

Courts of Justice. The purpose of

Second, even with a very early date for a substantive hearing it was open to the other party to apply for the injunction to be lifted. Before parting with the maner his Lordship took the liberty of drawing the Revenue's attention to what went wrong so that the Revenue could review matters

It was a large operation and it

should have been more closely legal advice were not satisfactory. That led to non-lawyers acting in conditions of stress and they had made two errors.

The first was that the Revenue officers did not think that they were obliged to act on an injunction without formal service of an engrossed document.

That was a clear error, although it was to an extent understandable that a layman could make that

By the time that was corrected the second error was being made. The official in charge of the search thought that the way forward was to negotiate with the senior partner of the applicants to continue the His Lordship accepted that she

believed that she could come to an agreement with the applicant. The important point was that she was wrong to think that she could resolve the matter by agreement. Once a court order applied the

applicant could not give permission for the other party to act in It was a pity that she had not been told in the strongest terms

that a court order was not open to negotiation. She should have been told that the correct course was to return to the court. That course was considered but it had not been The story was one of multiple

caused the wholly unjustified use of much of the valuable time of the court. The powers that Parliament had conferred on the Revenue were important powers and his Lord-ship was fully confident that such errors would not be committed again in the exercise of those Solicitors: Beachcroft Stanleys:

No time extension without good reason

Phillips v Taunton and Somerset National Health Trust and Another

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice

[Judgment July 19] A court should not accede to an

application by a party to proceedings, made ex parte, for an extension of time in which to file and serve particulars of claim and documents accompanying that pleading, without a written record, usually an affidavit, of the good reason that had to exist before any such extension would be granted.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeal of the defen-dants, Taunton and Somerset National Health Trust and Henry Adrian Rainey, against the order of Judge Collins in Wandsworth County Court on August 21, 1995, when he allowed the appeal of the plaintiff, Alan Russell Phillips. from the order of District Judge Walker on July 4, 1995, which had set aside the order of Deputy District Judge Lawrence on November 25, 1994.

The deputy district judge had granted the plaintiff's application ex parte for an extension of time for the service of particulars of claim, medical report and schedule of special damage.

The Court of Appeal restored present court of how, in order to ease the firm's heavy practice in

Mental Health NHS Trust,

There was nower under section 3 of

the Mental Health Act 1983 to

detain a restricted patient who had

Mr Justice Harrison so stated in

the Queen's Bench Division in a

reserved judgment when dismiss

ing an application by Cleveland Stewart for judicial review of a

decision of the North West London

Mental Health NHS Trust made

on June I. 1995 to detain him in

hospital compulsorily pursuant to

Miss Alison Foster for the ap-

plicant; Mr Steven Kovats for the

NHS Trust: Mr Michael Kent,

QC, as amicus curiae; the Sec-

Mr Richard Gordon, QC and

section 3 of the 1983 Act

been conditionally discharged.

Ex parte Stewart

Judgment July 19

Before Mr Justice Harrison

which had set aside the plaintiff's claim for damages for personal injuries and loss suffered as a result of negligent medical treatment allegedly received from the

Mr David L Evans for the defendants; Mr Simon King for

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the plaintiff, a promising cricketer when a boy, sustained an injury to his back on which he was operated in September 1991. He claimed that delay in his treatment led to his inability to become a professional cricketer.

Having originally consulted solicitors in Somerset, his present firm were substituted for them in October 1993, but they allowed proceedings to be deferred, withexpiry of the limitation period in 1994. The solicitors applied ex parte without affidavit to a district judge

and were granted an order permitting issue of proceedings with service of particulars of claim. medical report and schedule of special damage, required by Order 6 of the County Court Rules, deferred for four months.

There was evidence before the

the detention in hospital of patients

concerned in criminal proceedings

hospital order authorising the

detention in hospital of a person convicted of an imprisonable of-

ence and section 41 gave power to

make a restriction order placing

certain restrictions on his dis-

The applicant was the subject of an order under section 37. He was

also subject to a restriction order

under section 41. As a restricted

nation the had been conditionally

discharged but not recalled when

he was detained pursuant to section 3 under Part II of the 1983

Act. Part II provided for the

compulsory admission of patients

In addressing the main issue as

to hospital for treatment.

or under sentence.

charge from hospital.

Wandsworth County Court, matters were conducted by district udges in the latter part of 1994, including an arrangement known as "Friday's List" when an outdoor clerk attended the district judge and informed him what orders were sought in relation to the firm's matters.

If he was satisfied with the order sought the judge granted the order vithout, it seemed, any affidavit evidence in support. It looked as though the relationship between the district judges and the firm's outdoor derks had become much ICO COSY. In circumstances where al-

though themselves instructed in 1993 the firm had by September 1994 not yet instructed a doctor to prepare a report, there did not seem, in his Lordship's view, to have been any case for permitting deferment of the particulars of Certainly no such order should

have been made without an affidavit giving the reasons why it was necessary. It was thus difficult for the present court to assess the reasonableness of the order made. Having considered further circumstances, his Lordship said that the necessary documents clearly could have been available within the time originally allowed. Thus it was for the plaintiff's solicitors to justify the further

His Lordship noted that there

was no authority on the point but that it had hitherto been common

practice to detain conditionally

discharged restricted patients

under section 3 in appropriate

That practice was endorsed by the Home Secretary and Health

Secretary in notes for guidance

and a code of practice issued pursuant to section 118 of the 1983

While the case gave rise to a difficult and arguable point, due,

in part to imperfections in the

drafting of the 1983 Act, his Lordship felt that if Parliament

had intended that the exercise of

the Part III nowers should exclude the operation of the Part II powers

the legislation would have ex-

pressly so provided. There was

No power to detain restricted patient

extension sought and granted in November 1994. No good reason had been given

by counsel to explain the grant of

the extension. It was on the judge that responsibility, at least in part, rested for the slipshod practices adopted by the district judges. He recognised those practices were defective and presumably would have taken steps to rectify them.

If in an emergency it was necessary to accept oral state-ments, that should only be done upon the applicant undertaking to file on affidavit the evidence to support the statements. In the present case there was no

such record and nothing to provide an adequate explanation for the need to extend time at all. His Lordship expressed doubt

whether the County Court Rules gave the court any power to extend time for service of the particulars of claim as was done in the present case. Senyonjo v East London and City Health Authority (un-reported, CA, November 17, 1995, Transcript No 1729 of 1995) a twojudge Court of Appeal was to the contrary but for present purposes it was not necessary for the court to hold whether it was wrongly decided.

Solicitors: Le Brasseur J. Tickle: Rowley Ashworth, Wimbledon.

Court of Appeal can supply reasons that she felt that the circumstances iudge had failed to give reasons the changed in the offender's country

Regina v Ozen Regina v Bozat Regina v Kovavcin

Before Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice [Judgment July 25]

Where, in recommending deporta-tion, a judge had failed to give reasons, the Court of Appeal could supply the reasons if a recommendation was justified.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing in part appeals by Zervet Ozen against a total sentence of 12 years detention in a young offender institute and by Hikmet Bozat and Cafer Kovaycin against total sentences of 15 years imprisonment imposed on August 16, 1994, at the Central Criminal (Judge Goddard, QC) for one count each of conspiracy to commit arson with intent to endanger life and one substantive count each of arson with intent to endanger life, and against the

recommendations for deportation. Mr James Wood for Ozen; Mr Michael Grieve for Bozat and Kovaycin, both assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr Mark Ellison for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT BAKER, delivering the judgment of the court, said that all three appellants took part in arson attacks against Turkish establishments in London. The trial judge had recom-

mended that each of the appellants be deported but she gave no reasons for making that recom-mendation. It might have been

of the offences were such as to make recommendations deportation inevitable but it was clear from a line of cases, the most recent of which was R v Belaifa (The Times February 27, 1996) that it was imperative for the judge to spell out reasons for making such a recommendation. Recommendations should not be

made as a matter of course but only after careful consideration of the criteria in fairness to the defendant but also for the purpose of any appeal and from the viewpoint of the secretary of state who would in due course have to consider the recommendation. He would wish to know the reasons without having to try to infer them from the documents.

Where a recommendation for deportation was not supported by reasons from the judge it was liable to be quashed: R v Rodney (CA, unreported, January 18, 1996). The question was whether the fatal to the recommendation or whether the Court of Appeal could supply the reasons i

dation was justified. Mr Ellison had drawn the court's attention to R v Baverstock ((1993) 14 Cr App R (S) 471) where a statutory obligation to give reasons for passing a custodial sentence had been overlooked by the judge. That did not prevent the Court of Appeal from upholding the sen-

tence for its own reasons.

Their Lordships did not think that Mr Justice Blofeld in R v Rodney by using the word "crucial" meant that when the trial

Court of Appeal was powerless to state its own. They preferred the reasoning in R v Baverstock and were satisfied that they had power to given their own reasons if they thought a recommendation was appropriate. Moreover, the failure to give

reasons did not mean the recommendation was unjustified. If it was justified, then it was important that the Home Secretary should have the benefit of the court's view. It was clear from R v Secretary of

State for the Home Department, Ex parte Santillo ([1980] 2 Ct App R (S) 274) that a person against whom a recommendation for deportation had been made under section 3(6) of the Immgiration Act 1971 had no right to make representations nor to be heard on them by the secretary of state before he made an order in pursuance of that recommenda-tion. Nevertheless, their Lordships to require and consider representations that offenders might have against deportation before making his final order. That was of particular importance where the offender was serving a long sen-

The court made its recom-mendations on the basis of facts known to it on the day of sentence but things might change and the longer the gap between the date of likelihood of some change of circumstances.

of origin, in his personal circumstances, or those of his family. Any such change might militate for or against deportation. Turning to consider the length of

the sentences, the appellant, Özen, was 18 when the offence was committed and had lived and been educated in this country since the age of 13. His parents lived here permanently.

Their Lordships were satisfied. having looked at all the circum-

stances, that his continued presence in the United Kingdom was not to its detriment and accordingly quashed his recommendation for deportation. The other appellants were more than 10 years older than Ozen and had shown themselves ready to

commit serious crimes. There was nothing to deter their Lordships from making a recommendation for deportation in their cases. Since there was no evidence of any overt act on the part of the rise to the individual's substantive offence, their Lordships thought it

The sentences for the conspiracy

Solicitors: CPS, Headquarters.

to whether a conditionally disretary of State for the Home nothing in the Act which expressly charged restricted patient could Department and Secretary of State excluded the operation of Part II in lawfully be detained under section the case of a restricted patien for Health were joined as respon-3 of the 1983 Act, the rival dents but did not appear and were contentions were whether, as the His Lordship considered the applicant contended, the two Parts various relevant provisions and not represented. of the 1983 Act were mutually concluded that they did not dem-MR JUSTICE HARRISON said exclusive or whether the two Parts onstrate an intention on the part of that Part III of the 1983 Act

Jones v Vans Colina Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

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Justice Roch and Lord Justice Schiemann (Judgment July 30)

Where a vexatious litigant had been given leave, ex parte, under section 42(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 to institute legal proceedings, the defendant to those proceedings could not apply to the court to set the leave aside. The Court of Appeal so held in

reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Gordon Charles Vans Colina, from a decision of Sir John Wood, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division in April 1995, that he had no power to set aside the order of Mr Justice Tuckey in June 1993 giving leave to issue legal proceedings to the plaintiff, Marcus David

Mr William Crowther, QC and Mr Paul Storey for the defendant; Mr Jones in person.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that in 1989 a civil proceedings order under section 42(I) of the 1981 Act had been made against the plaintiff, formerly a member of the Bar. His appeal against the order was dismissed: Attorney-General v Jones ([1990]] WLR 859). in 1993, wishing to proceed in

the county court against the defendant, a tenant of one of his flats, the plaintiff had applied to Mr Justice Tuckey for leave under section 42(3) of the Act to institute the proceedings. Leave was granted. On a summons by the defendant seeking to have the order of Mr Justice Tuckey set aside. Mr Justice Ognall had formed a view that the county court proceedings were a device or stratagent by the plaintiff to achieve an ulterior purpose and that there had been material non-disclosure and he made the order sought. The plain-tiff had not submitted that there

was no power to make it.

Sir John Wood on a summons by the defendant, then seeking an amendment, and it was held that there was no power in the court to to set aside the leave given by Mr Justice Tuckey so that Mr Justice Ognall's order was a nullity. Relying on order 32, rule 6 of the

Rules of the Supreme Court and observations of Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in WEA Records Ltd v Visions Channel 4 Ltd (1983) 1 WLR 721, 727) and on Becker v Noel (Note) (1971) 2 All ER 1248), Mr Crowther submitted that it was a fun-damental rule of justice that an order made ex parte could be set aside on the application of the party against whom it had been The power expressed in order 32,

rule 6, could only apply to an order made in proceedings in which the person seeking to have it set aside was either a party or entitled to be made one. The court could not accede to an application made by a person who had no locus standi to make it. On an application under section

42(3) of the 1981 Act for leave to institute proceedings the proposed defendant was neither a party to the application nor was he entitled to be made one Becker v Teale (1)971) 1 WLR 1475). Ex parte Ewing ([1991] | WLR 388) and Ex parte Ewing (No 2) ([1994] | WLR 1553) were valuable

that a defendant to proceedings for the institution of which leave had been given under section 42(3) could not apply to set the leave Coupled with the observations of Lord Justice Davies in Becker v Teale (at p1476), those cases provided a solid basis for affirming

as demonstrating an assumption

the judge's decision. Moreover the judge's decision was confirmed by a proper appreciation of section 42(4). That provision by referring to an appeal only by the vexatious litigant, confirmed that the pro-

Defendant cannot challenge leave to vexatious litigant

> be made a party to the application under section 42(3). There remained the Court of Appeal decision in Becker v Noel, a case that could not be distiguished on the ground suggested by the judge and which Mr Crowther submitted was binding on this court, where Lord Den ning. Master of the Rolls, had said: Not only may the court set aside

an order made ex parte, but where leave is given ex parte it is always within the inherent jurisdiction of the court to revoke that leave if it feels that it gave its original leave under a misapprehension on new matters being drawn to its attention. Either it had to be held that that was not in reality a binding

decision, in as much as it was given on an interlocutory point without the benefit of argument or mature consideration, or that it was given per incuriam. Either way, it should not be followed. The circumstances of the instant case suggested that a repetition of

Justice Davies in Becker v Teale (at p(476) might be timely: ...the jurisdiction which is given by (section 42(3)) to a judge in chambers to give leave for the institution or continuance of proceedings by a vexatious litigant is a jurisdiction which should be very carefully and sparingly

some further observations of Lord

Last, it was important to emphasise that a defendant to proceedings for which leave had been given under section 42(3) would always have the opportunity of effectively impugning the leave by making an application under Order 13, rule 5 of the County Court Rules or under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed. Solicitors: Hooper & Wallen. Torquay.

Regina v North West London contained provisions relating to could operate independently of the legislature to exclude the application of section 3 in respect of a conditionally discharged restricted patient. The Part II and Part III powers could co-exist and operate indepen-

> dently of each other. The provisions relating to restricted patients relied upon by the applicant were, in his Lordship's view, dealing solely with patients in their capacity as restricted patients liable to be detained pursuant to a hospital order, a

capacity which was not applicable

to the power of admission and detention under section 3. That power was not excluded by the provisions of Part III, and the rights of a patient detained under that power existed, including those access to the tribunal under section 66, whether or not be happened also to be a conditionally discharged restricted patient.

If he were discharged by the

tribunal, it would be a discharge in

relation to his liability to detention

under section 3 which would in no way affer the secretary of state's powers to recall him as a restricted patient. Such a conclusion ensured that patients and those treating them could take advantage of the benefits of treatment for the purposes mentioned in section 3(2)(c). His Lordship did not accept that the provisions were ambiguous, so as to dictate an interpretation in avour if the liberty of the subject. Furthermore, that conclusion did not involve the patient being deprived of his right to apply to the tribunal under section 66, so that the question of a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights did not arise.

Solicitors: Alexander & Partners. Willesden: Le Brasseur J. Tickle,

Regina v Law

In deciding whether to order the prosecution to disclose information requested by the defence, a judge was not restricted to consid ering only evidence that would be admissible in a court of law put before him by counsel acting on instructions.

He was entitled to require to see

he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and ordered to pay £2,000 towards prosecution costs.

On appeal it was contended that in making his decison the judge might have taken into account

Counterfeiting Act 1981 for which

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that the trial judge had refused a defence request for disclosure of details relating to undercover officers or informers.

that a judge was restricted only to considering evidence that would be admissible in a court of law. It had to be a matter for the judge to decide what material he required to see in order to satisfy

recommendation and the date deportation the greater the The situation might have

was wrong in principle to pass a longer, albeit concurrent, sentence for the conspiracy than for the substantive offence.

would therefore be reduced to offences. In addition, Ozen's sentence would be reduced to eight years since youthful immaturity probably played its part in his volvement. To that extent the appeals would be allowed.

Disclosing hearsay

additional material even if it amounted to hearsay evidence. The Court of Appeal, Crimina Division (Lord Justice Phillips, Mr Justice Jowitt and Mr Justice Keene) so stated on July 18 in dismissing an appeal by Anthony Law against his conviction on February 16, 1996, at Isleworth Crown Court (Judge Connor and a jury) of having a counterfeit currency note with intent contrary to

Regina v Gaskin In deciding the proper sentence to

marters which were not admissible but their Lordships did not accept

d on a defendant convicted of making a threat to kill, a judge was entitled to consider not only the short-term terror caused victim suffered continuing terror The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Simon

year prison sentence imposed on March 8, 1996 by Judge Crabtree in York Crown Court following a plea of guilty to making a threat to JUDGE ALLEN said that cases

of making threats to kill posed

Brown, Mr Justice Cresswell and

Judge Allen) so stated on July 18

when dismissing the appeal of Israel Tiny Gaskin against a four

Terror sentence judges. They ranged from threats made in the heat of the moment to cases, such as the present one, where the maker of the threat

caused the victim on-going concern about potential danger. It was proper for a judge, when deciding what sentence was commensurate with the seriousness of a case, to have regard to the facts of the threat and also to see whether it was a flash in the pan or whether the threat, although made at a specific time and in circumstances, caused continuing

worry to the victim. In this case the judge clearly passed a sentence which was perfectly proper on the facts and he was entitled to look, as he did, at the full effect on the victim, the short-term terror and the fears for

section 16(1) of the Forgery and the disclosure requested or not. Jurisdiction over foreign banknote patent dispute

A Ltd v B Bank Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice

Brooke [Judgment July 31] The court had jurisdiction and had the duty to determine a dispute ween parties in which the claim alleged infringement of the claimant's product's United Kingdom patent used in the manufacture of

loreign banknotes, such notes

being kept for disposal and dis-

posed of by a foreign commercial ank in England. The court was not being called upon to adjudicate upon, or even consider the lawfulness of the issue of the banknotes by the foreign country's state bank, nor was any claim made that might interfere with the sovereign functions of that foreign state.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the plaintiff, A Ltd, gainst the order of Judge Ford on October 4, 1995, in the Patents County Court, whereby he declared that the court had no jurisdiction over the defendant. B Bank, in respect of the subject matter of the claim or relief or remedy, and set aside the service of the summons and statement of case on the defendant bank. Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, for

the plaintiff; Mr David Lloyd Jones and Mr Peter Colley for the

defendant bank; Mr Richard

Plender, QC, for the central bank

said that the plaintiff was the registered proprietor of a UK patent relating to the invention of a type of security paper suitable for use in the manufacture of bank notes. The intervener, the central bank of a foreign country, had security paper manufactured in Italy, printed and issued as that foreign country's currency, which the plaintiff alleged infringed their UK patent, contrary to section 60(1)(a) of the Patents Act 1977, and which the defendant bank disposed of in England. Because the rights conferred by

plaintiff made no allegations of infringement against the foreign country or the central bank. Mr Plender contended that the issue of bank notes was relevant because it formed the kernel of the dispute; objection was taken to the English court adjudicating on the alleged infringement. Although

the UK patent were territorial, the

the central bank could for the future after any paper on which their notes were printed, it would be impossible to separate currency already circulating abroad. If proved to intringe the patent, from that circulating at home. His Lordship said that the notes were not currency, they were commodities. There was nothing

to show that the central bank

and if they had it would not be a

sovereign act. No sovereign had

the right to insist on circulating his

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LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT bank notes in a foreign country. The case against the defendant bank in no way depended on showing that the central bank were party to any infringement. Mr Plender relied on authority to show that the court declined jurisdiction when it found that it

was required to adjudicate on

transactions of foreign states; see Buttes Gas and Oil Co v Hammer ([1982] AC 888). The essential feature of his argument was that if the court held that the defendant bank infringed the patent, it would be holding that anyone else, such as the central

would similarly have infringed it. But in the Buttes Gas case, as his Lordship held, the issues of sovcreignty were raised by the defendant's plea of justification and by his counterclaim. In the present case nothing was relevant except a comparison between the paper on which the banknotes were printed and the patent specification.

The fallacy in Mr Plender's

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argument about non-justiciability was that adjudication on the plaintiff's claim would entail no adjudication on transactions of a foreign state nor any inquiry into acts done in exercise of the sovereignty of a foreign state within its own territory. No sovereign act of the foreign state in the UK was called in circulated the notes in England,

question by the plaintiff's claim

since there could be no circulation

of the foreign state's bank notes in

the UK as could amount to official action by the central bank. The notion that the keeping and

disposal of foreign bank notes for commercial purposes in the UK should be treated as sovereign acts outwith the purview of the English courts was not only unattractive but was contrary to principle. If any notes were printed on infringing paper the central bank had only themselves to blame for

cial consequences that might have ensued Mr Sumption conceded that the issue of currency by a foreign state was a sovereign act, recognised as such in England for at least 300 years, but the issue of currency was not material in the present

any adverse monetary or commer-

The relevant, acts were the keeping for disposal and the disposal in the UK of bank notes to which the patent was alleged to relate. Those acts were commercial banking transactions which were devoid of governmental or political purpose.

Second, they were not sovereign acts because they did not occur within the territory of the sovereign concerned: see Buttes Gas They occurred within the territorial jurisdiction of the English

courts where, if it did those acts.

the government of the foreign state

Immunity Act 1978.

foreign state's bank notes was held to have infringed the plaintiff's patent, the fact that they could not have been disposed of unless they were issued by or on behalf of the foreign government would not avail the defendant bank or the central bank because the court was not being called on to adjudicate on the lawfulness of the issue of currency, nor was any claim made that might interfere with the foreign state's sovereign functions. His Lordship said that since foreign bank notes were not legal

that they might be bought and sold in the UK. In principle it was English law that determined what might be done with foreign bank notes in the UK. Were it otherwise, a foreign sovereign's right to circulate his bank notes in the UK would considerably impair the English courts' right to regulate their use in the UK, and might even interfere

tender in the UK they circulated

Nor could it be regarded as a breach of comity to restrain the use in the UK of foreign bank notes that infringed a UK patent. Lord Justice Morritt gave a

with the sovereign prerogative of

issuing currency in the UK.

concurring judgment and Lord Justice Brooke agreed with both iudements. Solicitors: Taylor Joynson Gar-

would enjoy no immunity from suit: see section 7(b) of the State rett: Thomas Cooper & Stibbard; Thomas Cooper & Stibbard.

But the matter came back before Tion - 1715 million HCC chareholders minrert narties, to speak for Z/4 per cent.

Billington ignores the bruises

By JENNY MACARTHUR

A BADLY-BRUISED Geoff three years. He now has Billington heads the line-up of Cathleen, the winner of the Olympic riders competing at the Silk Cut Derby meeting at Hickstead, which begins to-King George V Gold Cup last month and a mare he considers brave to tackle this deday. The centrepiece of the manding course. He has built four-day meeting is the Silk his own version of the notori-Cut Derby on Sunday, the ous Devil's Dyke - Fence 10 richest and toughest showon the course — to practise over but says there is little that jumping event in Britain, can be done to prepare for the famous Hickstead Bank with offering a £40,000 first prize. Billington, whose sixth place in the showjumping in

its 10ft 6in drop. Atlanta was the best equestri-Two notable absentees this week are John Whitaker and an performance by a British William Funnell, whose Dercompetitor, is nursing a by specialist, Comex, is in-jured. Whitaker, runner-up bruised body - and ego after being thrown from a for the fifth time last year after novice horse while competing a jump-off with Ledingham, is at a show on Monday.

"The horse jumped into a competing in the final of the double, then stopped dead. I Pulsar Grand Prix in Holland,

where a £400,000 prize is on did a somersault over his head and poled into the ground like a tent peg. Billington said yesterday. He has had treat-His younger brother, Michael, was also due to compete there but, with his top horse, ment from a chiropractor and intends to compete in the Derby. He will ride Mancuso, Two Step, recovering from the back injury which afflicted the partnership having fin-ished eleventhth last year on him in Atlanta, he has changed his plans. On Sunday, he will ride either Elton the horse's first attempt over the formidable Derby fences. or Touchdown, James Kernan's stallion, which has Although his British rivals include Nick Skelton and

been lent to him. While Ledingham cannot break any records in the Derby this year (Michael Whitaker and Eddie Macken have both won three times with the same horse), he can do so on Saturday when he and Castlepollard attempt a fourth win in the Speed Derby.

The oldest rider at the meeting, which starts today with the Silk Cut Tankard, is Nelson Pessoa, of Brazil. Pessoa, 61, gained the first of his two Derby wins on Gran Geste 33 years ago.

Britons take giant leap for disabled sport

Stephen Wood meets

two women taking water skiing onto a different level

t is not often that Britain can lay claim to pushing back the boundaries o sport, but two of the country's most gifted water skiers will do just that amid the rolling hills of Lancashire this week end. Viv Orchard and Barbara Russell are poles apart as people but they have been thrown together by their re-spective disabilities and share such determination and hunger for respect that they only deal in innovation.

Orchard, 30, who has had a leg amputated, and Russell, blind since her early twenties, recently became the first disabled women to successfully land a jump in water skiing competition. That was at the British championships in June and, over the next four days, the rest of the world will have to take note.

They are part of a 14-strong Britain team that will defend its European disabled water skiing championship title at the Cowm reservoir, Whitworth, two miles north of Rochdale Britain has won the title four times in succession and, with Orchard and Russell performing such re-markable feats, it is unlikely any other country will spoil

Most able-bodied people would find it hard to pluck up the courage to be pulled along at 55km per hour by a speedboat, then jump off a 3ft-high ramp and land per-fectly in the water. Take away the use of one leg or the power of sight and the task becomes all the trickier.

Orchard, an exhibition organiser from Fulham, said: 'My reason for attempting the jump standing on one leg is not just because I need personal respect, but because



Russell, who is blind, lands another jump during practice for the European championship this weekend

I want people to speak of our sport in the same breath as the able-bodied efforts.

"People say to me all the time how brilliant I am to be able to water ski, but I wili only accept any praise if it is worthy. It's not amazing if I fail, it's only worthy if I can take sport, and my own performance, to new heights. That's what it is all about."

She lost her right leg in a train accident when she was 17. "I was running to catch my train, tried to jump on board, but missed and fell down the side of the platform," she said. "It was unnecessary and I wish it hadn't happened, but you have just got to get on with your life.

"In a way, more good has come of it, because I've had the opportunities with water skiing, and some of my friends have never been able to do the things I have." She had only "dabbled" in water skiing before her accident but her natural passion for sport the more remarkable. undoubtedly helped

S he said: "Balance is everything when you go over a seen go over a ramp with only one working leg and I wouldn't be able to do it if I was not sporty or fit.

The water skiing has taken over from my other passions, like hockey. With water skiing, I knew I could improve and improve the sport as a whole. So pride does come into it somewhere.

Russell, 40, from Bournemouth, was born partially sighted but lost her sight completely in her early twenties. She never water skied before that, which makes her subsequent achievements all

When she is on the water, a guide skies with her until 30 metres before the ramp then moves off, leaving her alone. By then she should be on line and, if she is not, the consequences are not worth thinking about.

It is the most exciting thing when my guide leaves me," she said. "From then until I hit the water again, I'm in a world of my own - it's like I'm suspended in time and I've lost myself. It is dangerous, but those few seconds are thrilling and why I was hooked as soon as I

Both will increase the height of the ramp in future competitions as they strive for greater recognition. For the moment, though, they are aiming to improve on their record distances, Orchard of 7.6 metres and Russell of 12.4

This year is the first time Britain has hosted the European championship and, as a setting. Cowm is perfect. It is picturesque and calm, but today Orchard and Russell will create the storm that should make the rest of Europe worry intensely. Some foreign competitors have already heard of their new technique and want to copy it but cannot.

The fear factor is too strong for them," Russell

BASEBALL

IN BRIEF

Barbarians to be led by Roumat

OLIVIER ROUMAT, the France lock, who has remained with Dax despite being linked with various English rugby union clubs, will lead the Barbarians against Wales in Cardiff on August 24. He becomes the first Frenchman to lead the invitation team. The Barbarians, who play Scotland in the Dunblane international on Saturday, include two un-capped Fijians, Marika Gasuna, a flanker, and Aparama Bose on the wing. Aparama Bose on the wilesBARBARIANS: D Arrieta (Biarritz): A Bose
(Mane): S Gles (Bourgoin and France), R
Dourthe (Dax and France), N
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(Cartiff and Wales): P Howard (ACT and
Australia), A Pichot (San Isotro and
Argentina), A Watt (Lurne and Scotland). If
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Corkery (Birstol and Ireland). A Pene
(Toshba and New Zealand)

Lendl tees off

Golf: Ivan Lendi, who was twice a Wimbledon runner-up and who won more than £13.5 million in prize-money in a distinguished tennis career. competes in the Chemapol Czech Open in Marianske Lazne, starting today, his first leading Tour event. The Czech-born Lendl, who is now a United States citizen, said: "My big ambition is not to embarrass myself."

Henman departs

Tennis: Tim Henman, the British No 1, lost 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to the unseeded doubles specialist. Mark Knowles, of the Bahamas, in the first round of the RCA championships in Indianapolis.

Athens lines up

Olympic Games: Athens, the city that staged the first Games of the modern era in 1896, yesterday submitted its bid to stage the 2004 Games to the International Olympic Committee at its headquarters

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

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Michael Whitaker, former

winners of the event, the rider

they all have to beat is John

Ledingham, of Ireland. The

army officer, 38, is attempting

a third successive win with Kilbaha, the only horse to

have jumped two double clear

rounds over the course.

Ledingham's resolve is all the

sharper after his disappoint-

ment last month when

Kilbaha was withdrawn from

Skelton, who won three times

from 1987 to 1989, is having his

first attempt at the Derby for

Ireland's Olympic squad.

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Must Be Pay Day if Panani

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore 4 Milwau-kee 3; Boston 7 Toronto 5; Chicago 8 New York 4; Tezas 6 Detrot 2; Caltiorna 4 Classiand 2: Milmanta 5 Cividad 2 York 4: Texas 8 Detros 2: Californa 4: Cleveland 2: Minnesota 6 Caldand 2: Seatte 9 Kansas City 5. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 2 Philadelpha 0 (first game); Atlanta 5 Philadelphia 2 (second: game); Plorida 5 Colorado 0; Concrina 10 San Diego 4; Montreal 7 Houston 4, San Francisco 12 Pillisburgh 10; **BOWLS** 13447 13445 13445 13445 13428 13428

BOWLS

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Line (Eng) 25-19; C Howard-Wildams (Zm)
bt M Taylor (Hol) 25-19; M Johnson (Bots)
bt L Tikossura (Fij) 25-19; M Johnson (Re)
bt M Swerdow (en) 25-22; M Vaquez (Arg)
bt J Joubert (Nam) 25-14; J Howat (NZ) bt N
Ismail (Mai) 25-19; M Bums (Ken) bt R
Banares (US) 25-23; M Like (Zam) bt D
Pansari (Cook Islands) 25-27 (Group two: L
James (Swaz) bt J Peacock (SA) 25-21; LK
Clouk (PNG) bt M Porter (W Samoa) 25-14; A
Nivale (Cen) bt R Pereira (Shg) 25-16; C
Anderson (Nortolk Island) bt W Porg (Aus)
25-21; A Smon (Guer) bt N Yoshimoto
Lapani 25-18 C Ana (HR) bt D Mes (Sp)
25-18. Singles: Eighth round: Group one:
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bt Vasquez 25-13; Line bt Joubert 25-14;
Lindores bt Tikossura 25-17; Like bt Howard-Willems
25-19. Group two: Anderson bt Nes 25-9;
Peacock bt Jones 25-10; Nivala bt James
25-11; Smot bt Slacad 25-20; Porter bt
Chow 25-21; Fong bt Pereira (Sng)
D Maleysia 50-3; Israel bt Holland 33-11;
Sweziland bt United States 17-15; Scotland
bt Ireland 24-22; Zambala bt Singapore 2523; Cook Islands bt Hong Kong 20-17;
Kenya bt Botswana 21-19. Group two:
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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Enal day of three): Sollhult: Surrey 139 and 284 (G. J Kennis 86); Warwickshire 272 (K.J. Piper 99; R.W. Nowell 5-44) and 155-1 (A. Singh 61 not R W Nowell 5-44) and 155-1 (A Singh 61 not out).

LOMBARD WORLD CHALLENGE UNDER-15 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: West Indies 187 (M Samuels 55, S Ganga 55); England 188-7.

NAYC COUNTY FESTIVAL: Cheshire 145-1.

Laccestershire 145-5 Bedfordshire 155 (M Hassensan 71); Yorkshire 159-2 (A Bourles 69, C Werless 59). During 138-2. (H Hubber 64 not out, I Jones 50 not out, Uncoinshire 134 Northamplanshire 137: Cumbria 138-3 (A Read 92 not out). Oxfordshire 187-7 (S Ali 52); Leinster 183-9.

FOOTBALL Tuesday's late results
Scottleh Coca-Cola Cup. Second round:
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(est, 1-1 at 90min; Greenock Morton won 4-4
0 Alboa 0 (ast; Alboa won 4-2 on pens); Partick 3 Forfar 0; Queen's Park 0 Abardeen 2
St. Mitmon 4 Benwick 0; String 1 Dundoe United 2. PRE-SEASON MATCHES; Aldershot Town 1 MBwell 1; Altrinchem 0 Huddersfield 0, Dagenham and Rectinidge 3 Leyton Orient 3; Enfeld 2 Boursemouth 3; Northempton 3 Argenal 1. Monthand WILIGNSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Sec ond round: Ards 0 Crusaders 3; Ballyc 2 Omagh Town 4; Coleraine 3 Glensvo (aet; 2-2 at 90min); H and W Welder Carnek 3 (aet; 1-1 at 90min); Portadou

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

LITTLESTONE: British boys' champion-ship: Third round: M Pilington (Neilyn) bt J Hopkin (Fyle and Kartig) 2 and 1; J Rose (North Hants) bt C Billing (Mullion) 7 and 6; P O'Donnell (Sand Moor) bt I Robertson (West (Gbride) 3 and 2; S Chapman (St Enodoc) bt M Velan (switz) one hole; J Cookcrof (Nelson) bt J Sharo (Cowel) 5 and 4; A Masia (Sp) bt A Ward (Whatington Heath) 5 and 4; C Petersson (Swe) bt M Booker (Royal Mid Surrey) 2 holes; D Jones (City of Darry) bt G Castano (Sp) 4 and 2; S Hone (Fortwilliam) bt M Harrison (Newcastle) 5 and 4; S Horne (Tuitlallan) bt P Dunton (East Sussex National) 3 and 2; G Cox (Warrington) bt L Boxall (West Surrey) 2 holes; S Garcia (Sp) bt P Kylliannen (Fin) 4 and 3; M Backman (Swe) bt J Bell (Renishaw Park) 6 and 4; R Donoven (Llantisani) bt S Homson (Dullatur) 4 and 3; C Hoake (Genrards Cross) bt R Hadley (Canons Brook) 2 holes; D Wborn (Errumore Park) bt J Behrards (Knowle Park) 4 and 2; S Young (Seasoale) bt A Rayner (Dartmouth) 3 and 1; O Cole (Henbury) bt R Cutrice (Sp) at 19th; 1 Parnaby (Durham City) bt J Hughes (Cardrose) 1 hole; P Rowe (West Comwell) bt P Bradshaw (Galnsborough) 5 and 4; L Orchards (Broadstone) bt D Foster (Britdoor) 5 and 4; M Campbell at 1911, 1 Partiesty (Currian Csy) to J Hughes (Cardross) 1 note: P Rowe (West Cornwall) bt P Brackshaw (Gainsborough) 6 and 4; Corhards (Broadstone) bt D Foster (Bridport) 5 and 4; M Campbell (Stackstown) bt A Dickel (Gerl 1 hole: J Lupton (Middlesbrough) bt A Lynch (Northamplorative County) at 20th; K Ferrie (Ahmmodif) bt J Hendry (Eign) 1 hole; C Williams (Creigiau) bt R Dee (Orsett) 5 and 4; M Palmer (Foshiles) bt L Delton (Waterlord) 4 and 3. F McLaughtan (Wishaws) bt S Buchan (Royal Abardsen) 1 hole; A Churchod (Switz) bt M Walker (Garforth) 6 and 4; N Tidder (Romford) bt D Kuton (Mortsop) 3 and 2; K Ciffe (Saffron Waldon) bt N Burrows (Minchmhampton) 6 and 5; C Nässon (Sweden) bt D Clarks (Rothmond) 1 hole; A Delves (Padeswood and Buckley) bt C Gill (Exeter) 3 and 2; FORMBY: British girls home international

and Buckley) bit C Glil (Exerci) 3 and 2.

FORMBY: British girls home international championship: Scotland 6 Feland 3 (Scotland names first: Foursomes: L Motfat and V Lang bi P Murphy and J Garnon 3 and 2, C Hunter and L Morton bit J Farrell and O Chewile 7 and 6; F Prior and A Walker lost to G Hegarly and C Smyth 8 and 5 Result: Scotland 2 Ireland 1. Singles: Motfat bit Murphy 2 and 1; Hunter bit Farrell 4 and 3; Laing bit Gennon 7 and 6; Morton bit Hegarly 1 hote; P Mackay lost to Smyth 8 and 7; L Vass lost to J Black 3 and 1. Result: Scotland 4 Ireland 2).

VUGHT, Holland: Four Nations Under-21 tournament: Man: England II Pakestan 4: Holland I Germany I Women: England 8 South Airica 4; Holland 2 Germany 1. **RUGBY UNION**

PORT ELIZABETH: Tour match: Eastern Province 23 New Zealand XV 31. POOLS DIVIDENDS

LTTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 24pts £4,985.60, 23 £197.25, 22 £10.80, 21 £4.75. Four draws £12.90, 10 homes void. Six aways £14.90.
VERNONS: Treble chance: 24pts £1,620.55, 21 £63.35, 22 £4.20, 21 £2.30. 12 homes £2.50 10 aways £1,358.00
ZETTERS: Treble chance: 24pts £455.10, 23 £97.0, 22 £0.60, 21 £0.30. Four draws £14.00. Eight homes void. Six aways £1.350. Lucky numbers 10.34 31 2 37 23.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Hampshire LORD'S: Middlesex v Worcestershire EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan Tatley's Challenge Series 11 D, second day of three LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Pal Tour match

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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Stone: Staffordshire v Suffok. NAYC. UNDER-19 FESTIVAL: Certire semi-finals (at Oxford and Cembridge). OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championships (Learnington Spe) CYCLING: Sky Sports grand prix (Bingh-ton). toni. EQUESTRIANISM: Derby meeting ECUESTRIANISM: Derby meaning (Hicksteed).
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(GOLF: Weetabor women's British Open (Woburn).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Wolverhampton (7.30). Middlestrough v Scotlich Monancis (7.30); Sheffield v Poole (7.45). Speedway Star Cup: Quarter-linel, linst leg: London v Peterborough (7.30).

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INTERACTIVE TEAM ENGRES SEORESTAND

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by August 12. Overseas players are shown in bold type, rising stars in italic.

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The transfer line will open at 6am each Tuesday and will close at 6pm the following Monday. All transfers made during this period will be applied to feam selectors' teams prior to the commencement of the next first-class match (transfer times may be attered slightly to accommodate schedule of first-class matches and prior notification will be published in The Times). Transfers may only be made by telephone by califor

A team selector may transfer up to two players in his/her team per transfer period. Whether you are transfering one or two players, your team must be rendered correct according to the format of five batamen, one all-rounder, one wicketkeeper and four bowlers and including one rising star and one overseas player (but no more than one of either) by the end of the call. You may check your team score and position in ITC by calling the ITC check line on 0891 866 964 0891 774 779

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K P Everre (168)

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YARMOUTH

5.35 Spinning Mouse. 6,05 Courageous Dancer.6.35 Rehaab. 7.05 Perfect Bliss. 7.35 Croft Pool.8.05 Charlese Dancer.

Newmarket Correspondent: 5.35 Spinning Mouse.

5.35 24TH RUNNING OF THE BOTTON BROTHERS

HANDICAP (Ladies race: £2,385: 1m 6i 17yd) (8 runners)

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5-2 Spinong Mouse 11-4 Michan 3-1 Children's Choice, 7-2 Nosey Native, 10-1 D'Raen, El Volador 12-1 others.

3-1 Alarmon, 7-2 Denambre Courageous Dancer 4-1 Casma 9-2 Blatani Dutberst 8-1 Annexy

-1 Retrait: 3-1 Othera, 5-1 Seelung Fortune, Postesoive Article, S-1 Naval Garet IG-1 Clastic Bellet, 12-1 Temporets, 14-1 others

5-2 Period Birss, 3-1 Insh Fuction, 9-2 Singtonyoursupper, 5-1 Our kevin, 7-1 Silver Spoll, 16-1 Azioc Travoller, 20-1 Battle Ground

1 6110 CYRANO'S LAD 12 (D.F.G) C Dwyer 7-9-7 ... C Dwyer 2 2323 CROFT PODL 16 (D.F.G) Lidove 5-9-0 ... S D Williams 6 3 6020 MONAASSB 35 (D.F.E) Lidove 5-9-0 ... W Ryan 5 4 200. PRINCELY HISH 455 (D.S.H) Mell 4-9-0 ... M Ferdion 6 00-U SERSEYEV 15 (D.F.G) R Himmon 4-9-0 ... Histories 6 2554 KAHIR ALMAN/DAN 19 (D.F.F.G.S.) Libraria 3-8-10 K Darley 7 0100 KING OF PERU 49 (D.F.G.) A Lanks 3-8-10 ... W J D'Conton 8 12-4 RESCUMIDEN 15 (D.F.G.) Boxden 3-8-10 ... G Hind 19 33-6 AMAINY 101 (D.F.H. Thomson Lones: 3-8-5 ... G Carter 11 10 6062 DANCE SCULENCE 19 (D.F.) M South 3-8-5 ... Pat Eddery (C.F.G.) Memoria 2 1 hand 1 hand 1 1 han

7-2 Croft Pool, 4-1 Dance Sequence, 9-2 Monaassib, 7-1 Nahu Almaydar Cyrano's Lad, Ameny, 8-1 others.

8.05 WILLIAM YOUNGER EAST ANGLIA FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,425: 71 3yd) (12)

C602 BADGER BAY 28 C Dwys 3-9-5
6505 YEZZA 8 (M A LARRA 3-9-2
-004 RIFARITRY DOMECR 8 6 Except 3-8-12
-004 RIFARITRY DOMECR 8 6 Except 3-8-12
-53 CHARSSE DANCER 22 C Woll 3-8-11
0-20 POLAR REPRAIN 7 C Puts 3-8-9
0-40 DARFODE, EXPRESS 66 M From 1-8-2
-0006 CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 21 (f) S Gelengs 1-8-1

4-1 Abril 5-1 Dévine Cuest, 6-7 Tenic Chart 7-1 Charitae Danicer Budget Bay, 8-1 Dallock Express, Supling Romp, 18-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: J Gooden 21 ammers com 27 nomers, 34.1%, H Rhomson Jones, 20 from 84, 23.3%, H Cecil, 30 from 88, 22.7%, D

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 12 wamers from 43 rules, 25 0%, Pal Eddery, 16 from 67, 23.9%, R Hughes, 3 from 15, 20 0%, W Ryan, 23 from 134, 17 2%, D Harrison, 9 from 57, 15 6%, G Hind, 9 from 60, 15 0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Salisbury: 3 45 Conspicuous 4 15 Bnot Gampse Yarmouth: 7,05 Aziec Traveter 8 05 Yezza.

3 55-2 DISTANT MEMORY 19 (B.F.G) P Hobbs, 7-10-12 . A P McCoy 4 35-5 GREAT UNCLE 12 (F.6) J Datosee 8-10-12 . . . P Hemby (5) 5 PO3- SARACEN'S BOY 298 M Churches 8-10-12 . Mr L Jefford

7.20 MIDSUMMER MAIDEN HURDLE SKY

4-6 Distant Memory, 100-30 Hizal, 11-2 Another Comedy, 10-1 others

1 3542 DIVINE QUEST 12 H Cecil 3-9-10 . .

-602 ABIR 58 H Thomson Jones 3-9-7. 0302 BADGER BAY 28 C Duyer 3-9-6

. D R McCabe (

6 0006 D'NAAN 7 (8.6) W Hagges 3-10-7 Mc 7 0562 MOSEY NATINE 5 (C.F.) / Pearce 3-10-3 Mcs 8 2554 BRESIL 11 (F) > Burle 7-9-3 Mrs H See

6.05 DAMGATE LIMITED STAKES

6.35 ANGLIAN WATER HANDICAP (3-Y-0 fillies: £3,927. 1m 2f 21yd) (9)

-Y-O fillies: £3,927. 1m 2f 21y0) (9)

1. 345 SERONG FORTUNE 15 | Fonstone 9-7

2.3430 DMARA 15 H Eccl 9-7

3.0100 STATELY DANCER 12 (D.F) G Wragg 9-5

4.4444 PUSSESSNE ARTISTE 21 M Soute 9-4

5. 21 REHARB 17 (D.F) A Sewan 9-3

6. 4300 MAWAL GAZER 24 (GT D Loder 9-3

7.0-00 BAUTC DREAM 38 (F) P RINGE 9-3

8.4146 CLASSKE RALLET 36 (C.F) R HORE 9-3

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9.1630 TEMPTRESS 12 (D.F.S) P Walnyn 8-12

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7.05 SIDEGATE PEUGEOT MOTORS

1 2106 OUR KEWN 6 (B.D.G.) > McAudite 9-7
2 1580 AZTEC TRAVELLER 6 (B.F.G.) M Ryon 9-5
3 1204 RISH RUTION 13 (C.B.F.) D Cospore 9-4
4 1112 PERFECT BLIRS 3 (D.B.F.) P Crave 9-1
5 0010 SAVES SPELL 14 (V.F.) Z Scaup 9-1
6 620 BATTLE SPOUND BON Callaghan 9-0
7 4004 SINGFORTOURSUPPER 9 6 Magazion 8-12

7.35 GREAT YARMOUTH STEEL

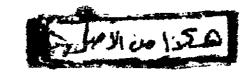
CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,110: 6f 3yd) (10)

NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0, £3,438, 61 3yd) (7)

(£3,828: 1m 2f 21yd) (6)

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 6F-7F. HIGH NUMBERS BEST



BEVERLEY

2.00 Brodessa, 2.30 Sleepless, 3.00 Tertium, 3.30 Euro Sceptic, 4.00 Saunders Wren. 4.30 Poly Moon. The Times Private Handscapper's top rating:

(7) -212 BRODESSA SS (CDUBF) Mrs 25 Review 10-10-0 is Darley 98 99 0007 FAURESSON 11 (D.R.F.G.S) N Trades 7-9-17 L Charmock 89 90 0007 FAURESSON 11 (D.R.F.G.S) N Trades 7-9-17 L Charmock 89 (7) 0008 PLORISMANT 21 3 Range 4-9-8 lone Wentls (7) - 81 10000 GENESSON FOUR 81 (8) Mrs 1 Sancta 5-9-0 is Faures 10000 GENESSON FOUR 81 (8) Mrs 1 Sancta 5-9-0 is Faures 10000 GENESSON FOUR 81 (8) The Charmon Scholar 759 7 Emergen 9-2-7 in Brach 95 (8) 1055 0000 GENESSON 759 7 Emergen 9-2-7 in Brach 95 (8) 0000 GENESSON FOUR 95 7 1-10 is Faures 10000 GENESSON FOUR 95 7 1-10

-4 Brodessa, 2-1 Faugeron 5-1 Dox Dee 6-1 No More Hassle 8-1 others

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WESTWOOD

2-1 Blanca Nera, 5-2 Steepless, 5-1 Sologiette, Navesta, 6-1 Sauton, 10-1 etner

7-2 Darling Clever, 4-1 Maid For Balleys, Hazard A Guess, 3-2 Koahn Homm, 5-Fauyantap, 6-1 king Atheritan, 12-1 Testest.

3.30 EAST RIDING YEOMANRY CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (Amaleurs: \$3,254: 71 100yd) (7)

(2) 1201 TRACLERS FOLLY & (D.F.G) Denys Smith 4-11-3 (5

1 (1) 5624 FAME AGAIN 13 (D.BF.G.S) this 3 Rancade 4-12-0 Mas E Rancade (4) 88

(3) 0400 (HATTAT 881 (0.5) J A Hams 6-11-1 G Woodward (7) — (6) -306 POLLY PECULAR 105 (6,5) 8 Swart 5-10-6

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Miss A Dened (4) (2) 5000 BREEZED WELL 63 (C.D.F.G.) B Cambridge 10-9-7 Nr. H Noorsen (4) an

3-1 Faces Again 7-2 Tinkiers Folly, 4-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 9-2 Euro Scephic, 5-1 Polly Peculiar, 10-1 Mattal, 25-1 Breazed Well

4.00 HOLDERNESS PONY CLUB CLAIMING

STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,241: 5I) (13)

3.00 RAPID LAD HANDICAP

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RELIA 2 Soon 8-11 L Common
CYMCRAIK WATERMEL 5 Holms 9-11 D Mediconn
RIAN/SHA 20 3 Sect 8-11 J Cannol
SUEFFLESS 20 N Cobarn 8-11 W R Semburn
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MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O liffies; £3,626. 51) (9)

2.00 toll gavel selling handicap

Draw. 5f, High Best

THUNDERER

3.30 EURO SCEPTIC

Going: Good to Ferm

(£3,014. 2m 35yd) (9 runners)

RACING: CURRAGH TRAINER AIMS TO EXTEND RECORD OF INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Weld excels as man of the world

CORRESPONDENT

SAFE in the knowledge that another Irish trainers title is already all but assured, Dermot Weld's horizons for the remainder of the season are expanding far beyond his Curragh base

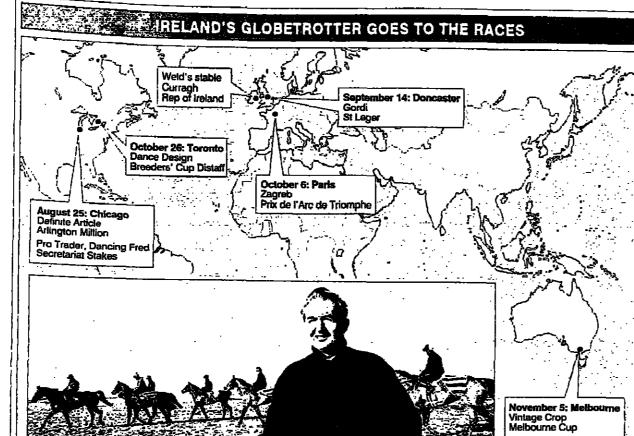
Zagreb's surprising but stunning Budweiser Irish Derby victory in June completed Weld's Irish classic collection, but, with possibly the strongest team of horses he has had. Weld is looking abroad. Responsible for Go And Go's Belmont Stakes win in 1990 and Vintage Crop's Melbourne Cup triumph three years later, he has yet more foreign targets in mind.

On Sunday week, last year's Irish Derby runner-up, Definite Article, will face the starter in the Arlington Million in Chicago. On the same card. Pro Trader and Dancing Fred go for the grade one Secretariat Stakes. They are simply the early representa-tives of an ambitious autumn agenda.

Zagreb has the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in Paris as his objective; the Irish Oaks winner, Dance Design, has sound prospects in the Breeders' Cup Distaff at Woodbine, Toronto: the Queen's Vase winner, Gordi, is being aimed at the St Leger at Doncaster; and the evergreen Vintage Crop is set to run in the Melbourne Cup for the fourth time.

Weld's impressive record of forays abroad mean each of his runners will be feared. whatever the opposition. In the light of the poor record of British-trained horses in the Breeders' and Melbourne Cups, how does the 48-yearold Irishman get the elusive balance of travel and performance so consistently right? What does he do differently?

"That's for me to know," he said, but images of mystical Irish wizardry are off the



mark. Concentrating on the seemingly minute details is what counts. "There's nothing magical, no magic formula, no must dos or don'ts," he said. "I tend to have the horses' preparations done before we go abroad, so we're not depending on getting a horse ready when we arrive. It's about keeping the horse fresh, men-

tally fresh." The results speak for themselves, and not only the highprofile victories. Three years ago. Osman, the winner of a humble Galway maiden, finished fourth in the Secretariat at Arlington, in front of Colonel Collins, placed in three European classics. Weld considers Pro Trader and Dancing Fred to be better than Osman.

"Both are superior and that gives me hope," he said. Definite Article is in good form and, depending how he runs in the Million. may stay in America for the Turf Classic at Belmont two weeks later,"

Plans are also being kept fluid regarding preparation races for the other stable stars, but Weld is excited by Zagreb's potential. "He may not have a prep for the Arc, but whatever happens about this year's Arc I think he could be awesome as a four-year-old.

Zagreb has outstanding potential and is maturing well. He is an easy horse to get fit so I'm not worried about a

warm-up race for the Arc. Dance Design may go in the Irish Champion Stakes, but the Breeders' Cup Distaff over nine furlongs in Toronto is a definite end-of-year target. With the pace they go in America a horse has to stay well and she proved that in the

Oaks. Gordi has had a slight hold-up and may go straight for the St Leger. I can see him running well in that race. We see him as the ideal replacement for Vintage Crop and he could go all the way."

The schedule for Vintage Crop, first, seventh and third in the last three renewals of the Melbourne Cup, will bebeyond belief to be running at that age, but don't tell that to a horse like Vintage Crop. Weld said. "He'll run in the Irish Leger again and that will tell us whether or not to go to Melbourne."

From the Curragh to Australia, one end of the globe to another. Vintage Crop has made the Melbourne Cup an option for European stayers, a preposterous idea until only recently. "We tend to be parochial and want to be best in our own country, but the racing world is getting much smaller." Weld added. Before the season is over Weld may

THUNDERER 3.45 Greatest 4.15 Russian Music . 4.45 DAWALIB (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 SUMMER BEAUTY (nap). 4.15 Wizard King.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM -DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 High Cut

2.45 Supreme Star 3.15 Celebrant

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.15 BROAD CHALKE MAIDEN STAKES

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102	(9)	30	MIDDAY COMBOY 7 (S Karmel) & Herwood 9-0 J Quinn 9
103	(5)	0	SAVING POWER 33 (The Stablemans) P Harris 9-0
104	(4)	00	SOVEREIGNS COURT 63 (Whiteways Recorg) D Chappell 9-0 I Squate 9
105	(10)		STACKATTACK 20 (B O'Connor) P Webber 9-0 J F Egan E
106	(3)	0	ZURS 90 (Blandlord Thoroughbreds) Mass & Kelferry 9-0 R Cochrane §
107	(2)	2-2	HIGH CUT 82 (J Smain) Balding 8-9
108	(6)	30	PRESS ON NUCKY 65 (S M P Synchrale) W Mair 8-9 Dane O'Nett (3)
:09	(A)	005432	REDSKIN LADY 14 (Whitcombe Manus) D Elsworth 8-9 Pat Eddery
110	(B)	3-24	RUWY 64 (H Al Maktourn) C Benslead 8-9 W Casson
111	(11)	5	SUMMER BEAUTY 21 (S Hate) J Gosden 8-9 J Reid 9
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New 14-1 Jan. 16-1 others 1995: POLAR QUEEN 8-11 & Hand (5-1) J Gosden 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

MEDDAY COWINDY 61:1 3rd of 15 to High Summer in maiden at Warners (7), good to firm) on perult-male start, with SAVING POWER 91:1 10st. ZLRS 91:1 9th of 20 to Netto in maiden at Newbury 11m, good to farm). High Cut 13 2nd of 13 to Sandhill, on maiden at Haydlock (7), good to soft). PRESS ON NECKY [24] 3rd of 15 to Poetry in maiden at

Goodwood (7), good) on perultimate start RED-SKIN LADY 21 2nd ol 16 to Highland Rhespody on maden here (6), good to firm) RLBWY 61 4th of 7 to Fasterilly at maden at Yarmouth (7), firm) SUM-MER BEALTY 641 5th of 12 to Yalta in maiden at Sandown (11m, good to farm). Selection: HIGH CUT (nap)

2.45 VIOLET APPLIN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP

(F3.1	58.	1m 6f) (8 runners)
201	(6)		SUPPLEME STAR 12 (CD.F.G) (J Wheten) P Hodge 5-9-11 David O'Neil (7) MINNESAM 19 (B.G) (Mrs. C Forrester) J Duniop 3-9-5
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1995: DISPUTED CALL 6-7-8 M Henry (6-1) J Flitch-Hayes & ran

FORM FOCUS

SUPPREME STAR about 61 6th of 9 to Bathyrekelly in handicap at Sandown (1m 61, good to fam) on pendamate start. MinnisAM heat Sacred Mirror 3t of 9-runner handicap at Folkesione (1m 4f, good) on pendamate start.

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1995: HURTLEBERRY 7-8 M Henry (7-2) Lord Hu

FORM FOCUS

HEVER GOLF CHARGER 241 11th of 14 to Crull Concert in mascient at Windsor (5), good) HALL-BARK 12 at 6th of 7 to The West in makin at Southstood (6), good to firm). SALTY JACK 441 2:1 of 9 to Salty Behamour in mascien crear course and distance (good to firm) CELEBRANT 3-1 2nd of 9 to Cardi in auchon maiden at Nottington (6) good to firm) with

SCAPLET CRESCENT 23 3rd. CIRCLE OF MAGIC 10t less of 7 to Head Over Heels in maden a Chapstow (St. good to firm). DIZZY TRLY 4'41 4th to Bristo in maden at Warwick (71, larm) on penultimeter start.
NORTHERN GIPL 67 3rd to Crown 17 Light in maden at Lercester (71, good) Selection: CELEBRANT



SALISBURY SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Loder, 3 winners from 6 numers, 50 0%; Mrs N Duffield, 3 from 7, 42.9%; J Gosden, 11 from 40, 27 5%, Lord Huntingdon, 15 from 63, 23.8%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 36, 19 4%; R Charlton, 11 from 71, 15.5% JOCKEYS: Dane O'Neil, 12 winners from 57 rides, 21.1%; Pat Eddery, 21 from 113, 18.6%; W Woods, 3 from 19, 15.9%; J Reid, 26 from 176, 14.8%, W Carson, 22 from 153, 14.4%, R Hughes, 10 from 70, 14.3%

CI Califor UCC chareholders immert narties, to speak for 27.9 per cent.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 6000 TBJES 74 (CD,8F,F,G,S) (37s D Returnson) 9 Hall 9-10-0 , 8 West (4) 88 Racecard number Draw in brackets. So-Sigure form (F — lett P — poiled up. U — crossated rider. B — brought down. S — sie's in an a. Cays close text outing. J d jumps. F & text E — blanker. V — visor M — from E — Fushata C — course winner. D — distance winner. D creare and distance somes RF - heaten tooms and assence waren. In the control to the factor has been as for a form and the factor has and if — from good to furn, hand, 6 — good 5 — soft good to soft heavy). Owner to bracket. Traces Ag and serget Ribbs plus any allowance the Took's Physica Handbooksper's rating.

3.45 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (£6,028 1m) (14 runners)

401	(9)	31231-2	ALMOND ROCK 11: (CO 8F S.S) C7 Factory, (Factories 4-9-10 D Hamson	1
402	1111	100210	LDL1 CLARE 13 (CD.F.G) : Dieste; 4 Focus 3-9-3 S Sanders	•
403	(5)	634211	SALEEMAN 15 (D.F.) A R. Martinett J. Dorfop 2-9-1 W. Carson	
404	(10)		CONSPICUOUS 19 (V.F.G) (V.S. J. reports, 1 Castell 6-3-1	1
-05	(6)	3110	VICTORIAN STYLE 15 (D.9F.F.S) of Activities 3 Charton 3-9-1. T Sprake	
406	(13)	041110	CATCH THE LIGHTS 15 (CD.F.G) G Lember & Hamen 3-9-0 Dame O'Neil (3)	
407	(3)	0-06000	COMMANCHE COMPANION 16 (D.F.G.S.) Transpers 6-8-13 . Paul Eddery	
408	(7)	035	PHONETIC 38 .44.25 9 Sarce: 9 Baldang 2-8-7	
409	(1)	60-0004	FROMIN DE COOL Tô (CO.5) (Finally) & Abeliany 5-8-6	Į
410	(4)	120-020	BRASSHTON ROAD 40 (2F.5) (1 Sargood) 6 Baldang 3-8-6 P.P. Murphy (5)	•
411	(8)	214:45-	SHAMROCK FAIR 419 (F) 15 Execution Lord Huntingston 4-6-6 . W Woods	
412	(2)		PRIZE PUPIL 54 (F) (5 Sec) Call 4 6-5 Pai Eddery	•
413	(14)		CREATEST 30 (D.SF.F.C.) (Investme) Max G Kestesay 5-7-10 Martin Dayer (5)	
414	(12)	060546	SUMMERHOLL SPECIAL 31 (D.F) (M.T. R Duffield) (Art. 2 Duffield 5-7-10 C Ruder	
Long	handic	ap: Summe	athit Special 7-7	
BETT	NG: 5	2 Saleema	n, 3-1 Almond Rock, 7-7 Lulii Clarre, 5-1 Catch The Lights, 10-1 Victorian Style 1	13

From De Cool, 14-1 Conspicuous, 16-1 others 1995: FIONIN DE COOL 4-5-12 7 Curron (9-2) R Akehurst 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALMOND ROCK (+) 2nd of 18 to Star Manager in handiscip at Sandown 11m, goods LLLL CCARE beal Mass Rivers 1141 in 10-more handiscip al Newmarker (71, good) SALEEMAH beat farmast 3141 in 5-morter handiscip at Lingüeld (71 140yd term) CONSPICUOUS about 61 4th of 12 to feast in handiscip at Assol (1m, good to term) (VICTOR).

All STYLE 44 7th of 11 to Panala in handican al Goodecood (1m 11, good to larm) CATCH THE LIGHTS beat firesharps neck in E-runner handicap at Sandown (71, good to firm). FIONN DE COOL about 31 4th of 17 to Authorn Cover in handicap at Soudarood (1m, good to Brm). Selection, SALEEMAH 4.15 WHITCHURCH CONDITIONS STAKES

(£5,112: 6f 212yd) (8 runners)

501	(8)	0123-51	WIZARD NING 11 (D.F.G.S) (A AI MARROUM) M Prescon 5-9-10 . W WIRDES		
502	iñ	315040	LOCH PATRICK 12 (F.G.S) (Mass E Coller) & Madepunck 6-9-9 J Reld	1	
503	(3)	9-1	LONELY LEADER 46 (D.F) /5 Scharl) R Hannon 3-9-0 Dane O'Neti (3)	j	
504	(5)	3-12332	RUSSIAN LIBISIC 12 (D.F.) (Seventh Heaven) Mrz. G Keffeway 3-9-0. R Cochrane	ŧ	
505	161	40-1330	REWITCHING 16 (C.D.F) (F Calby) J Toller 3-8-11 S Sanders		
506	(4)	00-0600	BRIEF CLUMPSE 16 (B.D.F.G) (Wherevay: Record) D Chappell 4-8-11 W Careon	•	
507	m	36213-4	TRIA KEMATA 131 (D.BF.S) (Hesmords Stud) J Dunkop 3-8-10 T Quanti	ı	
502	(2)	1.	POLSKA 327 (G) (Stell) Morammed) D Loder 3-8-5 . Pat Eddery	•	
	OG: Ev	ens Wizerd odhers	King 5-1 Russian Music, 7-1 Bewitching, 8-1 Lonety Leader, 9-1 Polska, 10-1	I	
1995; IdeGHT COMMANDER 3-9-12 M Roberts (180-30) R Hannon 6 ran					

FORM FOCUS

MEARD KING beat Checkencia 51 in 4-turner conditions race at Checke (?) good to ferry LOCH PATHICA about 39-1 4m to Fromosportermence in listed race at Sandown (St. good to cott LOMELY LEADER beat Present Severation "9-1 in 8-turner maden at Checkency (1, good to firm; POLSKA beat Tameern 19-1 at Ascondington (6, good))

Selection: WIZARD KING

45 FRESHWATER HANDICAP (£4.159: 6I) (16 runners)

601 (2) 6120 CROSS OF WALDER 12 (0.9) (P Dalb.) () Toter 3-9-12 . S. Sanders 95

602 (5) 0-33231 (A PETITE FUSEE 35 (D.F.G.S.) (M. Berson A. O'Sulinson 5-9-11 . D. Biggis 94

603 (10) 100-53 PURPLE FUNG 35 (D.F.G.S.) (M. Berson A. O'Sulinson 5-9-11 . D. Biggis 94

604 (13) 000025 PARIT IR BLACK 21 (B.6) (I M Person) R. Hanners 3-9-8 . J. Polid (3) 97

605 (8) 0-44523 MANSHARPA 14 (BF) (1 Holder-Matter) J. Fanchare 3-9-8 . J. Polid (3) 97

606 (11) 500305 MASTER MILITELD 7 (D.F.G.) (J. Hd) R. Baker 4-9-7 . R. Cochrane 98

607 (15) 21-2545 PHORDIS 23 (D.F.F.) (2 Wheebouse) P. Malon 3-9-4 . D. Harrson 95

608 (19) 0-400312 WHITE SETTLER 14 (F) (J. Nersonie), R. Hodges 3-9-4 . T. Sprake 69

610 (9) 654041 WHISOME WOOSTER 14 (C.O.F.G.) IP Marphy 5-9 1 . S. Drowne 58

611 (6) 0-44 AZWAH 40 DH A. Makoumi P. Walman 3-9-0 . A. Eddery (7) 97

612 (12) 230045 DAWAUB 14 (Q.F.G.) (J. Brown) (1 Heron Jones 6-8-13 . Paul Eddery 15

613 (16) 0-44 AZWAH 40 DH A. Makoumi P. Walman 3-9-1 . A. Eddery (7) 97

614 (4) 00643-6 CHILLHEIGHTS 27 (V.D.G.S.) (B. Attenbrough) 6 Baiding 6-8-7 P. P. Marphy (5) 90

615 (1) 10314 POWITER 22 (D.D.B.F. S.) (In For The Crack) Miss P. Daffield 4-8-6 Aimee Cook (5) 93

617 (10) 0-0-00 BRIGHT DIAMOND 110 (T. Sunbings) J. Anold 3-6-4 . C. Rufter 95

618 (11) 10314 POWITER 22 (D.D.B.F. S.) (In For The Crack) Miss P. Daffield 4-8-6 Aimee Cook (5) 93

619 (11) 10314 POWITER 22 (D.D.B.F. S.) (In For The Crack) Miss P. Daffield 4-8-6 Aimee Cook (5) 93

610 (17) 0-0-0-0 BRIGHT DIAMOND 110 (T. Sunbings) J. Anold 3-6-4 . C. Rufter 95

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610 (17) 0-0-0-0 BRIGHT DIAMOND 110 (T. Sunbings) J. Anold 3-6-4 4.45 FRESHWATER HANDICAP (£4,159: 61) (16 numbers)

1995 LAW COMMISSION 5-9-11 M Roberts (14-1) D Elsworth 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROSS OF VALOUR 314) 2nd of 6 to Spirz Par- use in handrice at armyouth (6), firms on penulti- ris start CA PETTIE FUSEE beat Accellman 1/1 if 8-numer conditions race at Chepaton (6) good of birm) MASTER MELTHELD about 1/14 5th of 1 or Afold Dare in handrice at 86th (1m. good to tim) WHITE SETTLER 21-1 2nd of 1.1 to Sylvan timess, in handricap hare (1m. good to lam)	WINSOME WOOSTER beat Zeida Zonk 3 in numer handicap here (71, good to firm) NINSHARPA (3to better off) 9-1 3rd 5TO END 4'si 4th of 7 to Royal Dome in condutions all Beverley (51, good to firm) POINTER Robellson 9-1 in 11-numer handicap over polar and dislance (good to firm) on perulburate : Selection; CROSS OF VALOUR				
5.15 BROAD CHALKE MAIDEN STAKES					

Div	JJ: 3-Y	-0 £3	,262, 6f 212yd) (10 runners)	
1 2 3	(3) (9) (1) (6) (4)	220203 53 0 2	ALPINE HIDEAWAY 40 (As M Brasian) B Hanbury 9-0 M Rimmer ALRAYYIH 13 (H Al IZaldoum) J Gosdan 9-0 W Carson BOLDER STEL 31 (12% J Villment) R Politips 9-0 C Patiter COMBORT 121 15 Acadela G Hymogod 9-0 T Colum HIGHLY SPRITTED 17 (Cortes Rest) N Lampard 9-0 T Field (7)	91 95
6	(2)	5	ROVERBOURNE 145 (13rs 1/1 Crook) 1/1 Channon 9-0 P P Murphy (5)	78 91
6	(7) (5)		NTHATION (Etynologic Thanoughbreds) J Toller 8-9 . S Sanders	_
9 10	(8) (10)	⊶	SANDPPER 87 (2) Enuncial is Cummighton-Brown 8-9 C Ministry	_
	NG. 6-4 others	Aliayyth	100-30 Algins Hideaway, 7-2 Consort 10-1 Revertourne Rapid Reliest 14-1 Intima	(KON.

1995. POLAR QUEEN 8-11 G Hard (5-11 J Gosdon 12 Ian FORM FOCUS

ALPINE HIDEAWAY 61 Srd of 7 to Babs: Eabe in handicap at haydeck (61, good) ALRAYYIH 6-1 3rd of 7 to Royal Result in madern at This 11 to good to farm). CONSORT 4,1 2nd of 12 to Sandaka in maken at Folketione 77, good to farm. RIVERBOURNE 10/5/15th of 15 to Green Barries in

marden al Doncaster (61, 2011) SEA DANZIG neck 2nd ol 6 to Times (7 Times in handisap al Lingfield (61 good to time) SANDPIPER 2019th ol 18 to Caziv Chief in marden

have made it even smaller. Obituary, page 19

By Our French Racing

CORRESPONDENT

CHARNWOOD FOREST

and Gothenberg carry Brit-

ish hopes in the group one

Prix du Haras de Fresnay-

le-Buffard Jacques le Marois over the straight mile at

Godolphin's Charnwood Forest, the winner of the

Deauville today.

by Jason Weaver.

Along with Sensation,

France's main hopes are the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SPINNING MOUSE

(5.35 Yarmouth)

Next best: Zurs

(215 Salisbury)

d'Astarte over course and

distance earlier this month.

is ridden by Ebina at the insistence of the filly's owner, Teruya Yoshida. Ebina

has partnered her in big

booked to ride Simon Dow's

Wakeel, the top weight in the Handicap de Norman-

Geoff Wragg's Sasuru, to be ridden by Michael Hills, and the Godolphin-owned

Wall Street (Dettori) take

their chances in the group

two Prix Guillaume d'Ornano over ten furlongs on the

3.05 PRIX DU HARAS DE FRESNAY-LE-BUFFARD JACQUES LE MAR-OIS (Group I £131,752; 1m str)

212 Charrwood Forest S bin Suroor (GB) 4-9-4 L Dettori 7 335 Vetheuil A Fabre 4-9-4 O Pesler 3

414 Le Triton Mme C Head 3-8-11
F Head 9
310 Gothenberg M Johnston (GB)
3-8-11 J Weaver 1
111 Grey Risk P Demercastel
3-8-11 S Gulfot 2
1016 Science World 1 Beaco 3-8-11

216 Spinning World J Pease 3-8-11 C Asmussen 5 112 Zarannda A De Royer-Dupre 3-8-8 G Mosse 6

9-4 Sensation, 5-2 Spinning World, 4-1 Shaares, 11-2 Charlwood Forest, 8-1 Le Triton, 12-1 Carannda, 16-1 Grey Risk, 25-1 others

M Ebina B

001 Sheanxi & Lellouche 4-9-1

die over a mile.

same card.

Going: good

Big-race field

events in Japan this year. Kinane has also been

Deauville 4.30 PUNCH AND JUDY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,620: 7f 100yd) (10) prize lures **British** pair

Dale Guston (_ G Bardwell (4-1 Pag, 9-2 Poly Moon, 5-1 Floating Devon, 6-1 Sparky, 7-1 Retona, Forces Tail 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 16 winners from 29 minners, 55.2% M Wane, 3 hom 11, 57.3% M Beil, 8 from 31, 25.8%; M Chanson, 12 from 53, 22.6%, M Johnston, 24 from 117, 20.5%, D Morley, 10 from 49, 20.4%, JOCKEYS: Mrs I, Pearce, 4 winners from 13 ndes, 30.8%, M Fenton, 10 from 45, 22.2%, M R Semblum, 4 from 18, 22.2%, M Darley, 48 from 253, 19.0%, G Bardwell, 7 from 38, 18.4%

Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot and second to First **NEWTON ABBOT** Island in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, will be ridden by Lanfranco Dettori for the 5.50 Gunmaker. 6.20 Always Happy. 6.50 Distant Memory. 7.20 Idiom. 7.50 Toomuch Toosoon. 8.20 Jenzsoph.

first time.
The colt's former partner, Michael Kinane, who stepped in while the dual cham-GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) pion jockey was injured. rides the unbeaten Falmouth Stakes winner, Sen-5.50 JERZEES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE sation, for Criquette Head. Gothenberg will be ridden

(Amateurs: £1.839; 2m 1f) (6 runners) 1 2-OP GUNMANER ID (6,5) B Lieuellyn 7-11-10
2 68-2 SOUTHERN RIOGE 10 R Frost 5-11-5 . A Holdsworth (7)
3 BPO- NORD LYS 9F B Leveltyn 5-10-9 . Miss E J Jones (7)
4 SP/Z NDIAM MANOR 15 R Pocock 12-10-7 . L. Jefford (7)
5 /OP- AIR COMMANO 33F C Rash 6-10-0 . . P Phillips (7)
6 000- MISS NORWART 147 N Thomson 6-10-0 . . . S Davis (7) 5-4 Southern Rudge, 3-1 Indian Manor, 7-2 Gunmaker, 8-1 Nord Lys, 14-1 others.

Spinning World, and Shaanxi, the mount of 6.20 AUGUST EVENING JUVENILE HURDLE Masayoshi Ebina. Shaanxi, successful in the Prix (3-Y-0: £2,148: 2m 1f) (5)

 AL WAYS HAPPY 12 (CD.F) M Pipe 10-12 ... D Bridgwater
ARICH ENEMY 12F Mics K George 10-10 ... D Skyrme
 BEN BOWNEN 12 M Blanshard 10-10 ... D Salagher
CURPENT LEADER 8 Mics, K George 10-10 JR Kavaradgb
WATER MILISIC MELODY 378F I Breathsad 10-5 W Humphreys 1-5 Always, Happy, 11-2 Ben Bowden, 20-1 Water Music Melody, 25-1 others

6.50 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE NOVICES CHASE (£2,818: 2m 5i 110yd) (5)

1 6P21 HIZAL 12 (F) H Manners 7-11-5 ... Mr A Charles-Jones 2 3P3- ANOTHER COMEDY 109P R Lee 6-10-12 . R Johnson

| 1 O CROWN NORY 67 P Richers 9-11-5 S Fox |
2 005- FATHER POWER 77 P Brisen 8-11-5 R Johnson |
3 /42 DOWN 12 Mrs J Reiter 9-11-5 J Calloly (5) |
4 - 404 MIRAMARE 15 J Dorisses 6-11-5 P Honity (5) |
5 30-6 MR POPPLETION 68 R Brotherton 7-11-5 E Harvey |
6 NERRIER 27F H Manusch 4-11-2 Mr A Charles-Jones |
7 00- POLLYANNA 142 M Mangerige 5-11-0 R Greene |
8 -PS5 UP THE TEMPO 14 P Famel 7-11-0 R Greene 9-4 kinom, 3-1 kip The Tempo, 5-1 Father Power, 6-1 Mr Poppleton, 7-1 Mizamato 16-1 Cown Novy, 20-1 onners 7.50 NIGHT IS YOUNG HANDICAP CHASE (£2,859: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 129- TROMBUCH TOOSDON 308 (CD.F) M Pops 8-11-10 D Bridgester
2 089- FERWICK 149 (F.Q.S) R Hodges 9-18-12 T Descombe (3)
3 -651 MANAMOUR 10 (D.D.F) R Lis 9-10-9 (F.cs) — C Lieswick)
4 3033 R YANG 2AD 10 (C.F.G) H Manners 13-10-0 — A Dowling (7)
5 6435 DUAK OF DEREARDS 12 (P. R Bass 6-10-0 — B Powel
6 00-4 GABISH 10 (D.F.G) B Forten 11-10-0 — Mr R Thomston (7) 5-4 Toomesch Toosoon, 17-4 Manamour, Ferwick, 7-1 Flying Zlad, 10-1 others. 8.20 BIRDIE HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,699: 2m 6f) (5) 1 2P-1 DIAMOND CUT 13 (C.F.G.) M Pipe 8-12-0. D Bridgweiser
2 12-1 JENZSOPH 15 (F.S.) P Hobs 5-11-0 . A P McCoy
3 2/3 RELDROCE 25 (C.S.) M Maggendge 7-10-12 B Powel
4 POW BIT OF A TOUCH 1086 (G.S.) B Fixed 10-10-7 JFixed
5 -063 BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 10 (G.) N Hawke 7-10-0 . J Callohy (3)

5-4 Jenzsoph. 6-4 Diamond Cut, 5-1 Fieldridge, 10-1 Bearn Me Up Scotty, 50-1 Bit Of A Touch.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Salisbury Going: good

Going: good

1.45 (6) 212yd) 1, ORONTES (Dans O'Neil; 2-1 fav); 2, inclination (J Quinn, 25-1), 3, Selabatini (M Hills, 14-1) ALSO RAN 11-4 Sword Arm (4th), 9-2 Rasmussen (5th), 10 Ludo, 14 Fantasy Gri, 16 Julietta Mia, Palasemon, 33 River Hing, Swan Island (5th) 11 ran. 14, 114, 114, nk, nk, R Harmon at East Everleigh Tote, £2 90; £1.40, £5.10, £3.80 OF £139.90 Tho £17-230 (park von, pool of £108.93 carried lorward to 4.45 at Salisbury today) CSE £25.92.

today) CSF: £45 92.
2.15 (6i) 1, MUKADDAR (R Cochrane, 20-1), 2, Polish Warner (J Reid, 9-2), 3, Green Power (D Harrison, 9-4 lav) ALSO RAN, 6 Hartab (4lh), Sudest (8th), 8 Amyas (5th), 12 Arthur's Seal, Merciless Cop, 14 Ar Hyd Y Knos, Marylavy, Sharp Har, 25 Life On The Street, Silver Secret, 50 Topps Tho 14 ren 2, 134, 1341, 341, 1341, 254, 1341, 252, 257, 2570, 22.20, £190 DF: £59.30, Trio. C88.70 CSF £114 36

2.45 (5); 1, BOWDEN ROSE (J Quinn, 9-1); 2, Amazing Bay (L Detion, 7-2); 3, Mry Melody Perkes (J Carroll, 5-2 ji-fav); ALSO RAN. 5-2 ji-fav Bunty Boo (4th); 5; Welsh Misi (5th); 10 Lunar Mist (6th); 6; sn %, nk, %i, 3l, nd M Blanshard at Upper Lambourn Tote £10.00; £2.80, £2.40 DF: £13.50 CSF; £37.88

2240 DF- £1350 CSF- £37.88
3.15 (Im 11 209yd) 1, ASHBY HILL (R Cochrane, 11-2 tev); 2, Thatchmester (Paul Eddery, 10-1); 3, Shalateano (T Sprake, 20-1) ALSO RAN, 13-2 Fairy Knight (4th), Sweet Pavlova, 7 Indian Nectar, 15-2 Law Dancer (6th), 9 Monumers, 11 Mimosa £3th), 14 Runic Symbol, 16 Exemption, Racing Hawk, 25 Warspite, 33 Withuil Lad, 50 Ripenorier 15 ran, Nk, 1sl, 1sl, 3-lsl, 1sl, R Rowe at Storrington, Tote £6.50; £2.70, £2.90, £5.70 DF: £27 60 Trio, £448.70, CSF £56 87 Tricast £960 68, 345 (Im 11 209xd), 1, ALTAMMERA (L.

3 45 (1m 1/ 205yd) 1, ALTAMURA (L. Detion, 5-1); 2, Min Alhawa (W. Carson, 5-2 tev); 3, Ta Awun (S. Whitworth, 9-2) ALSO RAN: 7-2 Sardonic, 6 Fame Vatey (4th), 14 Caribbean Quest, Perrot Jungle, 33 Grysde, Weght (6th), 9 ren, 2 6t, 2t, 2 5t,

13i J Gosden al Newmarket, Tote: £4 70; £1 50, £1 70, £1.80, DF: £9.20, Tno; £21.20 CSF £17.67 227.20 CSF £17.67 4.15 (6) 21.2(d) 1, MISTY CAY (T Ourn, 5-2 (ev); 2, Marsh Mengold (N Adams, 33-1); 3, Broadgate Flyer (A McGlone, 7-1) ALSO RAN: 3 Dashing Rocksville, 6 Complication (5th)

7-1) ALSO RAN: 3 Dashing Rocksville, 6 Spondulicies (5th), 7 Abacaxo, 14 Grovefair Lad, 16 Fistral Flame, 33 Silent Valley, 40 Scarrots (6th), Vickys Double, 50 Running Free (4th), 66 Top Titler, 13 ran, 34, sh hd, 134, 134, 21 S Dow at Epsom, Tote £3 80; £1,60, £4,90, £2,90, DF £38 20, Timo £260 10 CSF: £59,62 DF 238 20, Time 2260 10 CSF: £99,62 4.45 (8) 212yd) 1, GONZAGA (1 Sprake, 10-1); 2, Another Night (W J O'Connor, 33-1); 3, American Whisper (G Hind, 25-1); ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Moon Blast (5th), 9-2 Katal, 15-2 High Edreme (4th), 9 Chairmans Daughler, 10 Beryllum, 20 Danka (6th), Norman Conquest, Smart Prospect 11 ran Nic. W, 4l, sh hd, 4l J Dunlop et Anundel, Tote £14.20, 23.10, £5 80, £3 40, DF £257 60 Time £401 70 (part won, pool of £396.10 carried loward to 4.45 at Salisbury loday) CSF: £238.51. to 4.45 at Sahsbury loday) CSF: £238.51,
5.15 (1m 4t) 1, KRISTAL BREEZE (J.
Reid, 12-1), 2, Rasayel (W.R. Swinburn,
13-2), 3, Shining Dancer (T. Gunn, 13-2),
ALSO RAN 5-1 lav Dramstic Moment, 7
Dahwthine, 8. Age Of Reality (6th), 10
Ayunii (5th), Hawanala, Rocquaine Bay
(4th), 12 Lady Bankas, Turia, 14 Evidence
in Chiel, 25 Relierate, 40 Licium, 14 ran,
NR: Glow Forum, Shihd, nk, 11/4, 1/4, nk,
W.Muir at Lamboum Tote £11.70, £4 60,
£1.90, £3 80 DF: £23 10 Trio: £25.10
CSF: £87.72 Tricest £523.61. Placepot: £221.00. Quadpot: £42.50.

Beverley Going: good to firm

Going: good to firm 2.00 (1m st 216yd) 1, NORTH BEAR (O Pears, 15-8), 2, Durham (A Clark, 100-30), 3, Morth Ardar (S Copp, Evens Lav) ALSO RAN 25 Chesters Quest (6th), 50 Crambetta (4th), Pirrisboy (5th) 6 ran. kt, 11, 81, 41. 251. Mrs S Smith at Birglev, Toler £2.80, £1.30, £1.60, DF £3.80, CSF: £8.47.

2.30 (1m 100yd) 1. BROCTUNE GOLD (K Darley, 11-10 lav), 2. Shekas Dream (A Clark, 14-1); 3. Simand (J Tate, 11-2)

ALSO RAN 4 Parliament Piece (6th), 9-2 Insh Sea (5th), 9 Hi Rock (4th), 25 Battle Colours, 33 Flornerm, Forget Paris, 9 ran 141, 141, 31, 34, 141 Mrs M Rendely at Saltburn Toler £2.30, £1.20, £2.60, £1.60 DF £21.70. The DF \$21.70. The \$28.90 CSF, £18.29
3.00 (5f) 1, BRECONGILL LAD (N Connorton, 8-1), 2, Able Shariff (6 Parkin, 11-1); 3, Just Dissident (D McKecwin, 8-1) ALSO RAN 11-4 lav Ned's Bonanza (6th), 4 Captain Caret, 7 Judaa (5th), Rich Glow, 9 Premium Gri (4th), 16 The Wad, 20 Rotherfield Park 10 ran, 34, 134, nk, 31, 341 Miss S Hall at Middleinam, Tote, £9.30; £2.40, £3.60, £2.70 DF £37.90 This £253.40 CSF; £85.52 Thicast; £674.89,

3.30 (5h) 1, FOR OLD TIMES SAKE (M Baird, 4-1); 2, Double-J (K Failon, 5-2 fav), 3, Pensson Fund (Dale Gibson, 3-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Largesse (4th), 11-2 Siyers Flyer (5th), 9 Weet Ees Carl (6th), 6 ran. NK hal, W. 1 NL, 7 J Berry at Cockerham. Tote 55 00: 53 00. \$1 80 DF \$5 70 CSF \$14 15.

4.00 (1m. 1/207yd) 1, CUMBRIAN MAESTRO (K Darley, 16-1); 2, tsitoff (P McCabe, 7-1); 3, General Glow (J F Egan, 4-7 lav) ALSO RAN: 7-2 Contract Bridge (4th), 12 Galapino (5th) 5 ran. NR. Falcon's Flame 24d, 2l, hd, 6l T Easterby at Matton Tote £9.40; £2.70, £2.50 DF £30,70, CSF £92.85

230. 70. CSP- 192.98
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AT THIS time last year.

Evelyn and Robert Webb were at home in Ayr in northern

Queensland, bleary-eyed and

disbelieving as the voice on the

other end of the telephone

regaled them with details of

how their daughter, Karrie,

was winning the Weetabix

Women's British Open at Wo-

Twelve months on and the

Webb family, including youn-

ger daughter. Katie, are at the

scene of the triumph, able to

believe their eyes rather than their ears as Karrie starts the

defence of her title on the

She has proved that the victory, her first as a profes-

sional, was no fluke and that

she is already, at 21, one of the

best women golfers in the

world. At the end of last year,

in a typically impressive piece

of punditry, Peter Thomson,

her fellow Australian, forecast that it would not take Webb

long to become a force and she

the LPGA (Ladies' Professional Golf Association) Tour,

Webb finished second, first

and second, and did not finish

out of the top ten until her

seventh tournament. In her

ninth event, the Sprint Title-

holders Championship, she

There is enough money for a

house in Florida and a car. It

is a more modest vehicle than

the Ferrari that Laura Davies,

a good friend, has just pur-

chased but Webb was due to

go for a spin yesterday after-

noon. "I've sat in a couple

before," she said, "but I've

The only sour note since

Webb's win at Woburn has

been that Todd Haller, the fiance who caddied for her, is

no longer with her, either on

or off the course. Webb is

reluctant to discuss the matter

but she did admit that "it was

so hard being together 24

hours a day". To cope so well

with all the attention, emotion-

never been for a drive."

was first again.

In her first three events on

has not let him down.

Duke's Course today.

burn by six shots.

Webb ready

to repeat

her Woburn

triumph

By Patricia Davies

life in a strange country is a

tribute to her resilience and composure, and to the help

and advice she has received

Although she has now re-

placed Davies as No I on the

US money-list, after finishing

second in her two most recent

events, Webb is not favourite

for the championship. She is

quoted at 11-1 by William Hill,

the bookmakers, behind Da-

vies and Annika Sorenstam,

who are 9-2 joint-favourites. Liselotte Neumann and Trish Johnson are 14-1, with Dottie

Pepper and Meg Mallon, of

the United States, both on a

tempting l6-l.
There are players from 22

countries competing this week as the British Open begins to

take on a truly international

look. Tony Greer, the statisti-

cian of the International Man-

agement Group (IMG), is convinced that it is the most

cosmopolitan women's

championship ever, any-where, and has the lists to

Twenty of the top 30 on the

LPGA money-list are here.

including the top five (only one

can). The top 50 from the

American Express European

Tour are here, barring Mardi

Lunn. Sadly, she and her

sister Karen, champion in

1993, had to withdraw because

of the death of their father.

There are also seven of the top

12 from the Japan LPGA

money-list competing, plus the

American-based Japanese,

Mayumi Hirase and Hiromi

of whom, Mallon, is Ameri-

prove it.

Kobayashi.

from other players.

BOWLS

Lindores suffers last-bowl

Strike

to pu League

By GORDON ALLAN

IOYCE LINDORES, of Scotland, suffered her first defeat in the women's world singles championship at Learnington Spa yesterday. Judy Howat, from New Zealand, won 25-23 but, with six qualifying rounds to go. Lindores is still at the top of her section and well placed to reach the final

on Sunday.

Taking the mat up the green, Howat, a vastly experienced player from Wellington. battled back from 19-15 down to lead 24-21. Lindores scored a double and then held three shots on the decisive end. Howat cut out two of them and, with her last bowl, moved the jack sideways for the

Margaret Johnston, the defending champion from Ire-land, lost 25-13 to Babs Anderson, of Botswana, in the morning but then edged past A Wendy Line, of England, 25-24, to stay in contention. Johnston has suffered three defeats so far and cannot afford another.

Rita Jones, of Wales, heads

the other section with a better shots difference than Carmen Anderson, of Norfolk Island, and Willow Fong, the Fijian who represents Australia. Fong toppled the previous leader, Jo Peacock, of South Africa, 25-23. Peacock is now

in fourth position. In the fours, Scotland, the holders, drew 22-22 with the leaders, South Africa. Scotland dropped two shots on the last end against the South Africans, who were without their regular lead, Jannie de 🛔 Beer. De Beer fell down the stairs in her hotel on Tuesday night, breaking her left arm. Marge Ellis, the team manager, and an international in her own right, took De Beer's

South Africa stay at the top with Israel second, Scotland third and England fourth. The England team of Norma Shaw, Jean Baker, Gill Fitzgerald and Mary Price beat Malaysia, their unexpected conquerors in the triples, 21-17

after making a slow start. Australia easily beat Papua



Perfect match: Davies, left, believes that she has the natural strength in her game to confront the supremacy of Faldo among British golfers

Davies measures up to Faldo challenge

CAREER DETAILS

By JOHN HOPKINS **GOLF CORRESPONDENT**

THIS morning Laura Davies will set out to win the fifth major championship of her career when she plays the first round of the Weetabix Women's British Open at Woburn. Meanwhile, in Denver, Colorado, Nick Faldo will try to forget the disappointment of finishing 65th in the US PGA Championship last week, the final major championship of the men's calendar, and try to win his second tournament in the United States this year.

By RAYMOND KEENE

The prize-money is a substantial £500,000, which counts on both the US and Davies MBE, who owns a European money-lists, and Ferrari among other cars and loves sport, and Faldo MBE, there are Solheim Cup points on offer, a matter of some a fisherman and follower of interest to both the Americans the band, Huey Lewis and The News, are Britain's best and the Europeans anxious to do battle against each other at golfers. Davies's style of play St Pierre next month. is based on enormous power. Being an Australian. Webb a velvet touch and an uncomhas no such worries and she plicated attitude, Faldo's on might well triumph again — a the relentless elimination of al upheaval and a new way of cereal winner, so to speak. error helped by an intimidat-

ing presence. Davies is ranked No 2 in the world among women, Faldo fourth among the men. If Davies were to play Faldo from the same tees, who would win? "I'd hold my own," Davies

said. Even without the advantage of driving from the ladies' tees? "Oh sure," she said. "Length is no problem." Indeed it is not as Tom Watson, who played with Davies in Australia earlier this year, confirmed. "She hits the bail further than I've ever seen a woman hit it," he said. 'She is very strong. She's got

big long hands and she makes a strong move at the ball. From the same tees, for the most part, I could out-drive her but, every now and then, she'd out-drive me. With her short irons - from wedge to seven-iron — she is a good five yards longer than I am." God has given Davies all

the levers necessary to help

her propel a golf ball a long

speed. She is the longest hitter on the women's tour, averaging 257 yards.

LAURA DAVIES

NICK FALDO Walls Championships: Open 1987, 1990, 1992, Masters 1989, 1990, 1996. Turned professional: 1976 Earnings: £8,074,931 World ranking: No 4.

– long, powerful arms and legs, as well as hands that generate considerable

Faldo's average is only five yards more but, whereas averages in Faido's case are relevant, they are less so in Davies's case because she is so long that she often has to rein herself in and use an iron for accuracy. Sure enough, she thinks she drives much further. "Oh, I whack it about 285," she said, as if there was nothing special about that at all. "I hit my two-iron about 230 yards. I must admit I am

very long with my short irons.

I can hit a nine-iron 170 yards."

In the 1920s, Bobby Jones, the legendary amateur, described Joyce Wethered as the greatest striker of a ball he ever seen, man or woman. Wethered was truly exceptional. Most women do not have the strength to generate clubhead speed. which is a handicap from rough and bunkers and in generating backspin.

"Golf for women is a lot harder than for men." Nick Price said. "They don't have the ability to put a lot of spin on the hall. Why? Strength. We can spin those wedge shots a lot more. But also they can't stop their mid-irons as quickly as we can so they are not so accurate as we are."

Any advantage in the quality of striking that Faldo might appear to have over Davies is, however, neutralised by Davies's strength. "I've got a game more like men's," Da-

vies said. "I can handle a long golf course whereas some of the other women couldn't. They do not have the power in their hands and wrists. I am strong enough to get out of the rough and play those bunker shots.

I've got imagination. I'd back

myself in any short-game

skills contest against any

man." Price believes that women do not putt as well as the men and Davies agrees. "It's because of the quality of the greens we play on," she said. Ours vary so much it is hard to improve. The men's tour provides them with good greens all the time. That is why they are better."

"In terms of dominance in their respective fields, there's no comparison between Laura and Faldo." Price said. "Laura has dominated women's goif far more than Faido has men's golf. Every time she plays well, she wins by a

Would she win a match with Faldo? If it were strokeplay, Faldo's relentlessness and attention to detail should triumph. His scoring average over 44 rounds in the United States season is 70.02 compared with Davies's 70.72 in 43 rounds. At matchplay, though, Davies should have the edge, even though by one yardstick of adventurous play eagles and birdies - her tally of 158 is 24 fewer than Faldo's 182. "If we played off the same tees on a course of perhaps, 7,000 yards, I'd fancy myself to win two or three

times out of ten." Davies said.

FRED NO

New Guinea to lead the other section, with New Zealand second and Jersey third. Wales stand sixth.

The optimists who thought that the home countries, with their superior knowledge of the Learnington greens, would dominate or even monopolise the championships are wide of the mark so far.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This hand illustrates a point of dummy play, in which the

declarer plays on a side suit before drawing trumps to avoid

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	1 C 3 S 4 S	Pa Pa All		3 C 4 D	Pass Pass
	Contrac	t Four Sp	ades by Sou	th. Lead king o	f hearts

North's Four Diamonds is a cue-bid; however, when South rebids Four Spades North wisely passes. In cue-bidding sequences in which four of a major is a possible contract, it is usual to play that a bid of the major is an attempt to play

The defence start with three rounds of hearts, and you ruff the third round. How should you continue?

The danger in drawing trumps immediately is that if they are 4-2, you will have none left when you start on clubs. Then if you lose a club trick the defence will be able to cash a heart.

The solution is to play clubs first, while dummy still has a trump to look after the heart force. It is best to lead low to the king of clubs, and continue with another towards the ace.

If East discards on the second club you win the ace and play a third round. If East follows to the second club you finesse - whether West wins or ruffs, the clubs are now set up. In both cases a fourth heart lead from the defence can be ruffed in dummy, and then you draw trumps and cash your established clubs.

Do you see why low to the king is the best way to start the clubs? It is because that way, if the clubs are no worse than 3-1, you cannot lose both a club start with the ace of clubs and find West has Ql0x, East will ruff the king of clubs and you will still have a club to lose.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

ORTEGUINA a. A pass

b. A melancholy serenade c. Sweet sherry

REMUAGE a. Crew of oarsmen b. Turning bottles c. Old age (Remus)

By Philip Howard **PSEUDORANDOM**

a. False praying b. Not really random c. Hypocrisy REINGA a. A dog sledge b. The afterlife

c. A Norse goddess Answers on page 42



Rb7 NId7 Rc? CHESS CORRESPONDENT 34 Rab1 Nbc6 Vienna stars An elite tournament is taking place in Vienna, which has Ne6 Nxc7 Ke7 attracted many of the world's top players, with the exception of Garry Kasparov. After four g5 Bb5 rounds the increasingly-successful Bulgarian grandmaster, Veselin Topalov, leads with three points, ahead of Anatoly Karpov on 2.5. The world ranked No 3, Vladimir Kramnik, got off to a dreadful start, losing his first two games. White: Boris Gelfand

Black: Anatoly Karpov Bank Austria, Vienna, August Queen's Indian Defence Cxd5 excl5 Na8 Naccl5 a5 Re8 Re8 Rad8 Gad8 Rad8 Rad8 Re6 Re6 Re6 Re6 Re6 Re6 Re7 Re7 Re7 Rc1 Bxd6 Qd2

Kxd7 axtb5 Rc6 Rc3 Ra3 Rxe3 Re2+ Rxtb2 Rth1 Ra1 Rc5 Rc2 Rh2 Rxh3 65 Kc5 66 Kd4

Diagram of final position

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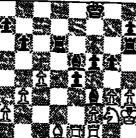
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

30 f3 31 Rdb1

White to play. This position is from the game Engholm - Nilson, Malmo 1937. Despite the reduced forces, Black found a way to break through on the kingside and score a quick win. Can you see how?

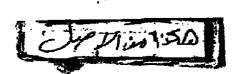
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Strike threatening to pull plug on League's TV riches

AFTER four years of being ignored, or lost in the byways of regional television, the Nationwide Football League returns to the nation's screens tomorrow night. At last, after a period of threatened penury. and in some cases extinction, its clubs have a chance to enjoy some of the riches television has begun to put into the game. But for how long? Looming on the horizon is the threat of a players strike to put the hope of new prosperity

in jeopardy. The state of the league is a matter for debate. It has become almost a cliche to point to the ever-widening gap between the elite of the Premier League and the havenots, on and off the field.

The report last weekend by Deloitte & Touche, the accountants, revealed that Nationwide Football League clubs were losing £23 million a year. "The report clearly indicates the plight that Football League clubs are in when the percentage of turnover generated by the 20 Premiership clubs is 69 per cent, and for the 72 Football League clubs it is 31 per cent," David Dent, the Football League secretary,

Indeed, the only question is where to draw the line between rich and poor, with some fairly strong arguments for putting it halfway up the FA Carling Premiership - in footballing, if not financial terms, anyway.

Yet there have been some indications that the cold wind may be abating a little, if not changing direction. Sky Television's deal with the Football League, and the new sponsorship from Nationwide, provide a little more margin for error in the lower ranks.

There are also suggestions this year that standards on the field might be improving again, at least in the first division. "I think the league will be stronger this year," Pat

and Scotland winger and chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), said yesterday.

"I think you look at the calibre of manager this season, with experienced manag-ers like Howard Kendall, Mark McGhee, Terry Venables, if he is going to be properly involved at Portsmouth, and younger internationals like Ray Wilkins. Trevor Francis and John



Aldridge, and that is a change. They have watched Euro 96 and those lessons will be learnt. I don't think there is the tactical naivety in this league that there was when I first came to Tranmere.

"And there are better players coming into the league. A couple of years ago, players were content to be fringe players at Premiership clubs, but now you see players like Mike Newell and Barry Horne choosing to move down even though they could still play in the Premiership. And with the increasing number of



top-level foreign players coming in, the standards of players becoming available will improve too."

Yet Nevin, and it may be assumed the majority of his members, are prepared to put that vision of prosperity at risk. At the beginning of this week, the PFA executive decided to send out ballot papers for a strike against the television games unless the League continues to honour its old contribution to PFA funds. "Without being complacent, I would expect to get 95 per cent support," Brendan Batson, the deputy chief executive of the PFA, said. "The club chairmen have arbitrarily broken a 30year-old agreement without consultation." Since 1967 the Football

League has contributed roughly 10 per cent of its television income towards the education, insurance and benevolent funds of the PFA. When the Premier League was formed, and money from television increased dramatically, the League maintained that system but the PFA had to threaten action, finally agreeing a 10 per cent cut on the first £10 million, reducing to 5 per cent on each subsequent £10

Now, with the Football League television income increasing dramatically as Sky pays a premium for a monopoly on English club football, the League is rethinking its commitment — and perhaps proving a useful stalkinghorse for the Premiership, whose own, massive new deal would yield the PFA £9 million a year if the present system continued.

For the Football League, the argument is now. "That money is essential to the existence of many clubs." Andy Williamson, the Football League assistant secretary, said yesterday.

SECOND DIVISION

Manager: Gary Megson (appointed July 1996) IN: B Dixon (Lincoln City, £20,000), T

IN: B Dison (Lircoln City, £20,000), T Butter (Gillingham £225,000), G Brabin (Bury, £200,000). OUT: A Morrison (Huddersfield Town, £500,000), C Beech (Hartlepool Uni-ted, free), A Gouck (Rochdale, free), P Homer (Southport, free), N Mitchell (Macclesfield Town, free), R Waro (Bamber Bridge, free) Championship odds: 12-1.

tree), Jamie Victory (Finland, free) Championship odds: 33-1

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OUT: none.
Championship odds: 20-1

Manager: Joe Jordan (Nov 1994)
IN: G Goodndge and S Dykstra (Queens Park Rangers, £100,000 combined), S Goater (Rothertam United, £175,000), M Bokoto (unattached, free), S Naylor (West Bromwich Albion,

heel.
OUT: R Dryden (Southampton, £150,000), M Bryant (Gallingham, £65,000), J Fowler (Cardiff Cry, nominal), W Brown (Weston-super-Mare, free), D Huggins (Barry Town,

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IN: M Lockwood (Queen's Park Rangers, tree). L Martin (Celtic, free). S Parmenter (Queens Park Rovers, free). G Power (Queens Park Rangers, free) QUT: M Stewart (Huddersheld Town. et 200,000). I Wright (Hull City, free). J Channing (Leyton Orient, free). W String (Limcoln, free), M Davis (Bath City, free). I McLaan (Canada, free). B Parkin (Wycombe Wanderers, free). M Hall (Doncaster Rovers, free). P Tovey (Bath City, free), M Wyatt (Bath City, free), M Wyatt (Bath City, free).

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Burnley

Bristol Rovers

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to have more sympathy with With wage bills in the the Football League argu-Football League increasing ments if its own first division overall by 63 per cent in the had not proved as ready to

four years since the split, there sacrifice its weaker brethren, will be some sympathy for as the Premiership clubs had Williamson's assertion that been. The first division threat-"the players and the PFA are ened to split the League again last year to ensure that it got the people and organisation who have benefited most from the lion's share of the joint the increased money coming income. into the League. They have a surplus of £8.2 million on

decreens

The threat worked, with the first division taking most of the pot of E35 million from television, sponsorship and pools money. Its clubs will receive approaching £1 million each, which may pale beside the money available to Pre-

Paul Furlong, whose £1.5 million signing by Birmingham City from Chelsea is an

indication of the increasing wealth at the top of the Nationwide Football League

miership clubs, but is a sizeable increase on previous

With the Football League preparing to go to court if a strike is called, things could get nasty. "Our advice is that. under present legislation, it would be illegal," Williamson said. He will hope that the advice is better than it was when the League tried to stop the Football Association from luring its clubs away to the

County, tree). Championship odds: 14-1.

Manager: Marvyn Day (Jan 1996). Championship odds: 8-1.

Carlisle United

Chester City

Colchester United

Doncaster Rovers

contract). Championship odds: 25-1.

Exeter City

Darlington

Manager: Steve Wignali (Jan 1995). IN: D Barnes (Watford, Iree), D Greene (Luton Town, £30,000), R Wilkins (Her-

L'AFIMBION
Manager: Jim Platt (Dec 1995).
IN: B Alárison (Sunderland, Iree), L
Brydon (Liverpool, Iree), D Faulkner
(Sheffield Weds, free), G Innes (Sheffield
Utd, Iree), M Oliver (Stockport Co, Iree),
D Roberts (Chesterfield, Iree).
OUT: M Appleby (Barnsley, £200,000),
P Mattison (Gusseley, Iree).
Championship odds: 10-1.

Manager: Sammy Chung (July 1994)
IN: M McDonald (Southport, undisclosed), S Walter (Blyth Spatians, undisclosed), S Black (Birmingham City, tree), P Birch (Wolves, Iree), S Pierce (Wolves, Iree), S Pierce

(Wolves, Irea).

OUT: G Jones (Wigan Athletic, £150,000). S Parmen (Northempton Town, £35,000), K Ashley (Teltord Utd, tree), R Kirby (Preston North End, non-content).

elord Utd. free). OUT; T Dennis (Lincoln City, free).

Leicester achieve Prior deal to stiffen the defence

By Russell, Kempson

LEICESTER City strengthened their FA Carling Premiership squad yesterday when they agreed to sign Spencer Prior, the Norwich City defender, for about £600,000. Provided Prior can agree personal terms, he will make his debut in Leicester's opening match of the season. away to Sunderland on Saturday.

Martin O'Neill, the

Leicester manager, used his friendship with Prior, 25, to lure him to Filbert Street. When O'Neill was manager at Norwich, before resigning eight months ago, he introduced Prior into the first team after the player had spent two years on the fringes. He kept his place in the wake of O'Neill's departure and was voted the supporters' player of the season at Carrow Road.

However, for Mike Walker, the Norwich manager. Prior's move is another setback to his preparations for the club's Nationwide League first division campaign. Walker, who signed Prior from Southend United during his first spell in charge at Norwich, has also lost Robert Ullathorne and Mark Bowen on free transfers during the summer. He now has only five defenders with first-team experience to chose from for the game against Swindon Town on Saturday. Patrik Berger, Liverpool's £3.25 million signing from Borussia Dortmund, should be able to make his Premiership debut against Middlesbrough on Saturday. His work permit is expected to be issued today, allowing Berger, who scored for the Czech Republic in their 2-1 defeat against Germany in the final of Euro 96, to be registered in time for the trip

to the Riverside Stadium. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said: "It's great news, especially if his regis-tration can beat the deadline for the Uefa Cup as well." Evans also admitted he had made an unsuccessful effort to sign Steve Staunton, the former Liverpool and now Aston Villa defender.

Gascoigne unlikely to be risked in Hoddle's first game

By Russell Kempson

PAUL GASCOIGNE, of Rangers, will probably miss England's opening World Cup qualifying match against Moldavia in Kishinev on September I. Gascoigne, who played a prominent role in helping England to the semi-finals of Euro 96, has an Achilles tendon injury.

"The problem is an awkward one," Walter Smith, his club manager, said yesterday. We are taking him slowly through training so there is no recurrence of the injury."

Gascoigne seems unlikely to

play in the first team before the game against Dundee United at Ibrox on August 24 48 hours after Glenn Hoddle, the new England coach, announces his squad for the game in Moldavia.

If Hoddle decides to omit Gascoigne from his first international party, it would strengthen the chances of a recall for Matthew Le Tissier, of Southampton.

Rangers, who have dropped their interest in Alessandro Orlando, the Udinese defender, have been told by Uefa, that their European Cup preliminary round second-leg match against Alania Vladikavkaz, of Russia, will go ahead next Wednesday. Vladikavkaz is situated only

15 miles from the border with Chechnya, which has seen renewed fighting between Russian troops and Chechen separatists in recent weeks.

Moscow had been mentioned as a possible alternative venue but, after taking advice from the Foreign Office and the Alania club yesterday, Uefa's club competitions subcommittee gave the game the all-clear.

"It will go ahead as planned," a Uefa spokeswoman said yesterday. "We are satisfied that the security arrangements are such that, given all the information we had, the venue did not need to be switched. Rangers, who lead 3-1 from

the first leg, will travel to Austria on Monday for a stopover before flying on to southern Russia.

CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

Jane Land

Barnsley
Pisyer-manager: Danny Wilson (appointed June 1994).
IN: M Appieby (Derington, £200,000), P
Wilkinson (Middlesbrough, free).
OUT: A Payton (Huddersfield,
£350,000), O Archdeacon (Carisie,
free), D Brooke (Scarborough, free), R
Harriby (Scarborough, free), S Bocherski
(Scarborough, loan), C Bishop (Wigan,
£20,000), L Builler (Wigan, free).
Championship odds; 33-1. Birmingham City

Manager Trevor Francis (May 1996).
IN: S Bruce (Man Utd. free), B Horne (Everton, 2250,000), G Ablett (Everton, 2400,000), P Furlong (Chelsee, £1.5m), M Newell (Blackburn, £775,000), OUT: P Peschisolido (West Bromwich, 2500,000) R Forsyth (Stoke, £200,000). S Black (Doncaster, Iree), P Challinor (Lincoln, non-contract) Chemplonship odds: 7-1. **Bolton Wanderers** Manager: Cotin Todd (Jan 1996).
IN: M Johansen and P Frandsen (FC Copenhagen, 92.28m combined).
OUT: A Stubbs (Cettic, £3.5m).
Championship odds: 12-1.

TEE?

Bradford City Manager: Chris Kamara (Nov 1995) IN: E Regtop (Heeranveen, un-disclosed), C Scott (Rangers, free), M Sas (NAC Breda, free), G Cowans OUT: N Tolson (York, undisclosed). Chempionship odds: 33-1.

Charlton Athletic CHARLOTI ALTRICAC
Manager: Alan Curbishley (July 1991).
IN: A Barness (Cheisea, £165,000). A
Midnäichenko (Rangers, Iree).
OUT: G Nelson (Torquay, Iree).
CUT: G Nelson (Torquay, Iree).
CBarnet, free), P Gartand (Leyton Orient,
Iree), C Whyte (Leyton Orient, Iree)
Champlonship odds: 25-1.

Crystal Palace Crystat Patace Manager: Dave Basseti (Feb 1996). IN: N Maddison (Southampton, £450,000), K Muscat (South Melbourne, £75,000: Taylor (Hednesford, Iree), D OUT: S Taylor (Hednesford, Iree), D Matthews (Burnley, £85,000), N Martyn (Leeds United, £2,25m), R Wilmot (Torquay United, Iree). Championship odds: 25-1.

Grimsby Town IN: K Black (Notim Forest, £25,000), T inc in black (Notiff Forest, 1:25,000), I Widdington (Southampton, 2300,000), OUT: P Groves (West Bromwich, 2500,000), I Bonetti (Tranmere, un-disclosed), S Fraser (Lincoln, free). Championahip odds; 68-1. Huddersfield Town

Manager, Bran Horlon (June 1995).
N: M Stewart (Bristol Rovers, £1.2m), A
Payton (Barrisley, £350,000), A Morrison
(Blackpool, £500,000).
OUT: A Booth (Sheffleld Wednesday, £2.7m), B. Jensen (Brus 540,000). £2.7m), R Jepson (Bury, £40,000). Championship odds: 28-1

Manager: George Burley (Dec 1984).

Nt. D Sonner (Preussen, Iree), B Petta (Feyencord, Iree), I Crook (Norwich, Iree). OUT: L Cotteril (Bournemouth, Iree). R Appliaby (Sacanese Irea). Ipswich Town Appisby (Swansea, free), i Crook (Norwich, free). Championship odds: 20-1. Manchester City Manager: Alan Ball (July 1995).

N: none.
OUT: David Nurse (Millwall, free), Keth
Curie (Wolves, £650,000), J Sharpe
(Exeter, free), D Kerr (Mansfield, £20,000).
Champlonship odds; 3-1. Norwich City

Manager: Mike Walker (June 1996)
Mit I Crook (Ipswich, Iree). M Bowen
OUT: I Crook (Ipswich, Iree). M Bowen
(West Ham, Iree). R Ulfathome
(Osasuna, undisclosed). J Gose
(Plearte, Iree), J Mitchell (Scarborough,
Iree). Championship odds: 25-1.

Player-manager: Graeme Sharp (Nov 1994)

Oxford United Manager: Dens Smith (Sept 1993). IN: N Jemson (Notis Courty, £60,000). OUT: C Allien (Notingham Forest, £350,000), D Cultip (Puham, tree). Championship odds: 40-1. Portsmouth

Player-manager: Terry Ferrwick (Feb 1995) IN: R Simpson (Tottenham Hotspur, undisclosed), P Spesic (Partisan Bel-grade, undisclosed). OUT: J Gittens (Torquey, Iree) Championship odds. 80-1. Port Vale Manager; John Rudge (Mar 1984). [N: none.

OUT: none. Championship odds: 40-1 **Queens Park Rangers** Player-manager: Ray Wilkins (Nov 1994). IN: P Murray (Carisse United, £300,000). IN: P Mulray (Larisse Crimics, 2000).
S Skade (Tottenham Hotspur, 2350,000).
OUT: G Goodridge and S Dykstra (Bristol City, £100,000 combined). J Cross (Cardilf, free).

Reading Neaturng
Joint player-managers: Mick Gooding
and Micky Quinn (Jan 1995)
IN: P Bodin (Swindon Town, tree), B
Hunter (Wraxham, £400,000).
OUT: A Williams (Wolves, £750,000)
Championship odds: 65-1. Sheffield United

Menager: Howard Kendali (Dec 1995). IN: N Speckman (Chelses, free). L Sandford (Stoke City, £500,000). OUT: G Cowans (Bradford City, free), G Innes (Darlington, free) Championship odds: 7-1 Southend United

NIX: none. OUT: R Willis (Peterborough United, undisclosed), M Hone (Lincoln City, Stoke City

Stoke City
Manager: Lou Macari (Sept 1994).
IN: R Forsyth (Birmingham, £200,000)
OUT: L Sandford (Shelfleid United, £500,000). G Porter (Southampton, tribunel), R Sinclair (Chaster City, free).
C McDonald (Hantlepool United, tribunal), Ian Clarkson (Northampton Town, free).
Championship odds: 25-1. Swindon Town

Player-manager: Steve McMahon (Nov 1994). IN: F Darras (Bastia, free). Manager: Adrian Heath (Mar 1996)

N: D Matthew (Crystal Palace, £65,0000), N Gleghorn (Stoke Cry, Iree), V Overson (Stoke City, Iree), OUT: G Davies (Hartlepool Town, Iree), M Carelland (Crist Iree), W Downline) IN: F Darras (Bastia, Iree). OUT: M Ling (Leyton Onent, Iree). P Bodin (Reading, Iree). B Wortali (Scar-borough, Iree). Championship odds: 25-1 OUT; a Davies (namepool Town, ree).

W Joyce (Hull City, free), W Dowell
(Rochdale, free), G Dupdale (Bamber Bridge, free), J Francis (Scunthorpe United, free), N Pael (Rotherham United, free).

Championship odds: 16-1. Tranmere Rovers Player-manager: John Aldridge (Apr 1996). IN: I Bonetti (Gnmsby, undisclosed) Bury Manager: Stan Ternant (Sept 1995).
IN: R Japson (Huddersfield Town. £40,000), P Butter (Rochdale. £100,000), G Armstrong (Sunderland,

OUT: none Championship odds: 39-1. West Bromwich Albion Manager, Alan Buckley (Oct 1994).
IN: G Harmer (Newtown, £20,000), P
Groves (Grimsby Town, £800,000), P
Paschisolido (Birmingham City, £800,000), P
Butler, (Notts County, £175,000). 2.173,0007. OUT: C Hargreaves (Herelord, free), A Bryan (Hull, free). Championship odds: 60-1. Wolverhampton Wanderers

Serton (Scunthorpe United, free), M Serton (Blackpool, 5200,000), P Taylor (Bamber Bridge, free). Championstrip odds: 28-1. Chesterfield Manager: John Duncan (Feb 1993). (N: C Beaumont (Stockport County, Wolverhampton Wanderers
Manager: Mark McGhee (Dec 1995)
IN: I Roberts, (Leicester City, E1m), K
Curle (Manchester Cay, 0500,000), D
Birch (Doncaster tree), S Pierce, (Doncaster, tree), A Debont (Hereford, tree),
G Mahon (Hereford, tree), Q Townsend
(Hereford, tree)
Championahip odds: 7-1. £30,000). OUT: D Roberts (Darlington, free), D Moss (Scunthorpe United, tre Championship odds: 16-1. Crewe Alexandra Manager: Dario Gradi (Jun 1983) IN: N Cutter (West Bromwich Albion,

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B Launders (Crystal Palace, free), J Moralee (Watlord, free), R Kirby (Preston North End, non-contract) OUT: W Colfins (Sheffield Wednesday 2650,000), D Hawtin (Sligo Rovers. rree). Championship odds: 14-1.

those specified accounts".

It would be easier, though,

Gillingham Manager. Tony Pulis (July 1995). IN: A Hessanthaler (Wattord, 2250,000), M Bryant (Bristol City, 265,000), L Piper (Wimbledon, 540,000). OUT: D Martin (Leylon Orient, free), D

Freeman (Fulham, £15,000), P Pettinger (Carfisle United, free), P Watson (Fulham, £13,000), A Foster (Herelond United, free), D Naylor (Leyton Onent, free), T Butler (Black-pool, £225,000), G Micklewhite (Slough Town free) Chamolooshio odds: 25-1 Luton Town

Manager: Mel Machin (Sept 1994)
IN: M Watson (West Ham United, free).
L. Cotterill (Ipswich Town, free). D.
Gordon (West Ham United, free).
OUT: S. Jones (West Ham United.
£200,000), P. Mitchell (Torquay United. OUT: J Vilstrup (Aarhus, £100,000), D Greene (Colchester Unded, £30,000), S Oakes Shelfield Wednesday, £425,000), V Riseth (Linz, £90,000).

Manager: Devid Webb (May 1993) IN: M McPherson (West Ham United, undisclosed). S Myaii (Brighton and Hove Albion, undisclosed), K Dennis (Arsenal, free). R Goddard (Crawley Tourn them) Millwall

MILWAII
Manager: Jimmy Nicholi (Feb 1996)
th: S Crawford, J Dair and D Sinclair
(Raith Rovers, £1 1m combined), P
Hartley (Hamilton, £400,000), D Nurse
(Manchester City, Irae).
OUT: A Rae (Sunderland, £750,000), B
Thatcher (Wimbledon, £1,890,000), M
Bennett (Cardiff City, Irae).
Championship odds: 9-2 Notts County Manager: Steve Thompson (June

IN: none.
OUT: N Jernson (Oxford United, 260,000), P Butler (West Bromwich Albian, 2175,000), D Kelly (Kettering Town, free), J Marshell (Eastwood, Iree), S Wilson (Whitley Bay, free) Championship odds; 12-1. Peterborough United

Peterborough United Manager Mick Halsall (Dec 1995). IN: M O'Connor (Walsall, Iribunal), S Houghton (Walsall, Iribunal), Z Rowe (Chelsea, free), A Boothroyd (Mansfeld Town, free). S Welsh (Partick, free), D Payne (Watford, undisclosed). R Wills (Southend Uld, undisclosed). R Wills (Southend Uld, undisclosed). M Bodley (Southend Uld, 275,000). OUT: G Ricch (Hull City, free), A Furnell (Rushden and Damonds, free). Championship odds: 18-1 Championship odds: 16-1 Plymouth Argyle

Manager: Neil Warnock (June 1995) (N: B Grobbelaar (Southampton, un-(Herelord United, tribunal).

OUT: I Baird (Brighton and Hove Abson, C35,000), K Hill (Rochdale, tree). S McCall (Torquay United, tree). S Cherry (Rotherham United, Iree). Championship odds: 20-1.

Preston North End Manager: Gary Peters (Dec 1994) IN: M Holt (Blackburn Rovers, Iree) OUT: J Vaughan (Lincoln City, free), A Fensorn (Rochdale, free), C Borwick (Southport, free). Championship odds: 14-1. Rotherham United

Rotherham United Joint managers: Archie Gernmill and John McGovern (Sept 1994)
IN: J McDougald (Brighton and Hove Albon, £50,000), S Slawson (Mansfield Town, free), L Glover (Port Vale, £150,000), S Cherry (Plymouth Argyle, Inse), J Dobbin (Grimsby Town, free), D Fearon (Barnsley, Iree), N Peel (Burnley, Iree), B Sandyman (Port Vale, Iree), S Goater (Bristol City, £175,000), M Clark (Sheffield Wednesday, £325,000), N (Sheffield Wadnesday, £325,000), N Vilpen (New Zealand, tree), C Bouckern (New Zealand, tree) Championship odds: 33-1 Shrewsbury Town Manager: Fred Davies (May 1993).

IN: none. OUT: T Clarke (Witton, free), L Martin (Tellord, free), D Simkin (Tellord, free),

C Withe (Boston, free)

Stockport County

Manager: Dave Jones (Mar 1995).

IN: P Jones (Wolverhampton Wanderers, 530,000), D Searle (Carolif City, free).

OUT: M Oliver (Darlington, free), M Dickers (Lincoln City, non-contract), C Beaumont (Chesterfield, £30,000), P Johnson (Bany Town, free)
Chemptonship odds: 25-1

Walsall Walsall

Manager: Chris Nicholl (Sept 1994) Championship odds: 25-1. IN: none. OUT: M O'Connor (Peterborough United, triburnal), S Houghton (Peter-borough United, triburnal), G Brant (Hednesford Town, free).

Watford Manager: Kenny Jackett (May 1996) RN: A Chamberlein (Sunderland £40,000), S Talboys (Wimbledon, Iree), R Flash (Wolverhampton Wanderers,

free)
OUT: D Barnes (Colchester United, tree), D Payne (Peterborough United, undisclosed), A Hessenthaler (Gillingham, 2250,000), J Morales (Crewe Alexandre, tree), P Wilkerson (Slough Town, free), R Marshall (Kettering Town, free), J White (Hendon, free). Championship odds: 7-2.

Wrawham

Wrexham Manager: Brian Plynn (Nov 1989). IN: B Carey (Leicester City, £100,000). S Gallagher (Prescot Town, free). OUT: B Hunter (Reading, £400,000). Championship odds: 20-1. Wycombe Wanderers

Wycominoe warnuterers
Manager: Alan Smith (Jun 1985).
In: P McCarthy (Brighton and Hove
Albion, £100,000). B Parkin (Bristol
Rovers, Iree).
OUT: P Hardyman (Barnet, free). S
Garner (Woking, free), T Howard
(Woking, free), S Stapleton (Slowen
Town, free), S Stevens (Slevenage
Borough, free).
Championship odds: 20-1.

York City Manager; Alan Little (Mar 1993) IN: N Tolson (Bradford City, tree). OUT; N Peverell (Gateshead, free) Championship odds: 50-1

THIRD DIVISION

Manager: Ray Clemence (appointed Jan 1994). IN: P Hardyman (Wycombe Wanderers M Cooper (Northampton Town, free), T Robin (Boreham Wood, free), P Scott (Aylesbury Utd. free). Championship odds: 10-1

Brighton Manager: Jimmy Case (Nov 1995). IN: I Baird (Plymouth Argyle, £35,000), J Peake (Rochdale, tribunat), D. Allan (Southampton, tree)
OUT; P McCarthy (Wycombe Wanderers, tribunal), S Myall (Brentford, undisclosed). J McDougald (Rotherham Utd, £50,000), D Coughtan (fretand, tree), S Munday (Dover Athletic, free), Chapman (Gillingham, Iree). Championship odds: 16-1 Cambridge United

Manager: Tommy Taylor (April 1995)
IN: G Brazil (Fulham, Iree), P Buckle
(Torquay Utd. Infounal), P Wanless
(Lincoln City. free), D Williamson
(Motherwell, Iree), A Dyer (Barnel, mbunali OUT: M Davies (Rushden and Di-amonds, £6,000), A Jeffrey (Cambridge City, Iree), C Middleton (Kettering, Iree). Championship odds: 28-1 Cardiff City Manager: Phil Neaf (Jan 1996)
IN: J Fowler (Birlstol City, nominal), J
Cross (OPR, tree), T Elliofi (Carlisle Utd, tree), k Lloyd (Herelord Utd, tree), CUT: D Adams (Aldershot, tree), D
Brazil (Newport AFC, tree), D Williams

1995)
In: A Bayes (Torquay Utd, tree), M Daily
(Dundee Utd, free), J Sharpe
(Manchester City, free), T Steele (Hereford Utd, free), T Steele (Hereford Utd, free), M Cance (Minsteel Utd, free), M Cance (Minsetel Utd, free), M Cance (Minsetel Utd, free), M Cance (Minsetel Utd, free), M Cance (Minsford Utd, free). N Parsley (Witton Albion, free), A Thirlby (Twerton Town, free). Championship odds; 33-1. Barnet Fulham

Player-manager: Micky Adams (Feb IN: S Stewart (Sheffield Weds, Iree), D IN: S Stawart (Sheffield Weck, Iree), D
Cullip (Odord Utd, free), G Cockerill
(Leyton Onent, free), D Freeman
(Gillingham, £15,000), P Watson
(Gillingham, £13,000), M Watton
(Fakenham Town, free), M Watton
(Talkenham Town, free)

OUT: D Jupp (Wimbledon, £200,000), L
Hamson (Barnet, tree), G Brazil (Cambridge Utd, free), D Bolt (Slough, free) Hartlepool United Player-manager: Kerth Houchen (April 1995)

1995)
IN: C Beech (Blackpool, free), D Clegg (Liverpool, free), M Cooper (Exeter City, free), G Davies (Burnley, free), S Paars (Liverpool, free)
OUT: P Conton (Sunderland, free)
Championship odds: 40-1. Hereford United

Manager, Graham Turner (Aug 1995).
IN: A Debont (Wolves, free), A Foster (Calingham, tree), I Foster (Liverpool, free), C Hayrreeves (West Brom, free), G Mathon (Wolves, free), D Norton (Northampton Town, free), O Townsend ampoint (own, irre), 'U Townsana' (Wolves, free) OUT: S Walldas (Mansfield Town, free), S White (Cardiff City, free), T James (Plymouth Argyle, tribumal), K Lloyd (Cardiff City, free), R Wilkins (Colchester Litd, free), J Steele (Exeter City, free), M Naylor (Telford Utd, free).

Champiopsible odde: 11-1

Chempionship odds: 11-1. Hull City

(Leeds Utd, free), A Doncel (Déportivo La Coruña, free), B Greaves (Brigg Town, free), W Joyce (Burnley, free), G Rioch (Peterborough Utd, free), I Wright (Bristol Rovers, free) OUT: G Abbott (Guiseley, free), S Insley (Whitley Bay, free), G Humphyles (Gains-borough Trinity, free). Championship odds: 20-1

Championship odds: 9-1.
IN: S Pounewatchy (Gueugnon, un-disclosed), O Archdeacon (Barnsley, tree), S Heath (Leads Ltd., free), P Pettinger (Gillingham, free) OUT: T Elliot (Cardiff City, tree). G Leyton Orient Manager: Pat Holland (April 1995) IN: A Martin (West Ham Utd. Iree), L Sealey (West Ham Utd. Iree), D Martin (Cliffornia too) Sealey (West Harn Uid, free). D Martin (Gillingham, free), M Ling (Swindon Town, free), J Channing (Bristol Rovers, free), P Gartand (Charton Athletic, free). D Naylor (Gillingham, £20,000). OUT; G Cockerill (Fulham, free). K Austin (Lincoln City, £30,000). D Purse (Oxford Lird, £100,000). Channelonship oddis: 14-1. Manager Kevin Ratcliffe (May 1995)
IN: R Sincleir (Stoke City, free), M
Woods (Everton, free)
OUT: E Bishop (Northwich Victoria, free), D Ryan (Barry Town, free), B
Stewert (Southport, free)
Championship odds: 16-1. Championship odds: 14-1.

Lincoln City Manager: John Beck (Oct 1995)
IN: K Austin (Leyton Orlent, 230,000), T
Dennis (Colchester Urd, free), S Fraser
(Grimsby Town, free), M Hone (Southend Utd, free), W Sterling (Bristol Rovers, free), J Vaughan (Preston NE, tree), P Challinor (Birnlingham City, non-contract), M Dickens (Stockport County, non-contract), G Dobbs (Wimbledon, non-contract).

non-contract).

OUT: T Daws (Scarborough, free), B Dixon (Blackpool, £20,000), P Wanless (Cambridge Utd. free). A Johnson (Hong Kong, tree), T Mudd (Halifax Town, free).

Championship odds: 25-1. Mansfield Town

Manager: Andy King (Nov 1983). IN: S Watkiss (Herelord Utd, Iree), D Karr (Manchester City, 220,000) OUT: A Boothroyd (Peterborough Utd, Iree), S Slawson (Rotherham Utd, Iree). Championship odds: 33-1 Northampton Town

Manager: Iam Atkins (Jan 1995).

N: S Parrish (Doncester Rovers, 235,000), M Cooper (Barnet, Iree), I Clarisson (Stoke City, Iree), S Rannie (Coventry City, free)

OUT: G Willers (Scarborough, Iree), D Norton (Herstord Uid, Iree).

Championship odds: 14-1. Rochdale

Manager: Graham Barrow (May 1996). Championship odds: 33-1. IN: W Dowell (Burnley, free), R Fensome (Preston NE, free), I Famall (Wigan

Arnesic free), D Lancaster (Bury, free), M Leonard (Wigan Athletic, free), M Leonard (Wigan Athletic, free), CUT: 1 Thompstone (Scarborough, free), P Butler (Bury, £100,000), C Clarke (Chorley, free), J Hardy (Riryl, tree), P Moulden (Accrington Stanley, free), J Booton (Rephare) Peake (Brighton, Infounal), J Procto Scarborough

Scarborough
Manager: Mick Wadsworth (June 1995).
IN: G Williams (Northampton Town, free), T Daws (Jincoln City, free), G Benneti (Carlisle Littd, free), D Brooke (Barnstey, free), R Hanby (Barnstey, free), J Mitchell (Norwich City, free), I Thompstone (Rochada, free), G Williams (Northampton Town, free), B Worrall (Swindon Town, free), B Bochenski (Barnsley, Joan).
OUT: K Magee (Dundee Utd, undisclosed), S Charles (Slalybridge Cettic, free), D Page (Halitar Town, free) Championship odds: 66-1.

Scunthorpe United

Manager Mick Buston (March 1996).

IN: D Moss (Chesterfield, free), M Serior (Bury, free), K Jackson (Sheffield Wednesday, non-contract).

OUT: 1 Ford (Barrow, free).

Championship odds: 20-1. Swansea City

Torquay United ar-coach: Kevin Hodges (June

Player-boach: Kevin Hodges (June 1996).

IN: P Adoock (Bath City, free), J Gittens (Portsmouth, free), G Netson (Charlion Athletic, free).

OUT: G Monk (Southempton, free), A Bayes (Exeter City, free), R Coughtin (Dorchester Town, free), T Kelly (Weycouth Irea). mouth, iree). Championship odds: 66-1 Wigan Athletic

Wigatt Authente Manager: John Deetan (Oct 1995) IN: G Jones (Doncaster Rovers, £150,000), S Morgan (Coventry City, free), C Bishop (Barnsley, £20,000), L Butler (Barnsley, free) OUT: A Farrell (Rochdale, free), M Leonard (Rochdale, Iree), D McKeamey (Morecambe, Iree), D Miller (More-cambe, Iree). Championship odds: 5-1



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A Degree of Uncertainty, Radio 4, 7,20pm.

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TALK RADIO

Amundsen blazes trail for sporting giants

hat would you guess most people would rate as the most impressive sporting record of the 20th century? The breaking of the four-minute mile barrier in 1954 perhaps? The winning of the Tour de France five times in a row by Miguel Indurain? The clutch of gold medals carried off by Carl Lewis? The victories in the Winter Olympic slalom three times in a row by Alberto Tomba?

The answer, according to a new Europewide survey of sporting heroes, is rather more startling. It is a performance set up long be-fore the hype of television coverage. long before the idea

that a sportsman's greatest ambition was to be turned by sponsors and agents into a millionaire. It was the achievement of being the first man to reach the South Pole, a race won in 1911 by the Norwegian explorer. Roald Amundsen.

The survey was dreamt up by DuPont, the chemical, fibres and oil giant, as its contribution to the great summer of sport. It asked Gallup pollsters to find out what people in Western Europe regard as the most impressive sporting achievements of the 20th century. They talked to almost 5,000 people in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. The findings give a revealing insight, not only into what makes a sporting hero, but also into the minds of the public who cast their votes.

Delightfully, for a survey that was carried out entirely in Europe, the overall accolade for the greatest individual sports person of the century went to a Brazilian - Pelé. He was followed in the roll of honour by a Spanish cyclist, Indurain, an Italian skier, Tomba, a Brazil-

'Local heroes

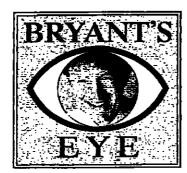
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ian racing driver. Ayrton Senna, an American boxer, Muhammad Ali, and then that great Norwegian explorer again, surprisingly getting in ahead of the likes of

Lewis and Michael Schumacher. But whether such a survey can really tell anything about what makes a hero is doubtful and when the results are broken down nation by nation, the nonsense of the voting shows through. Invariably and predictably, national heroes fill all the top places. When asked for their views on the

most impressive performances in winter sports, for example, the Germans voted three Germans top, the Italians three Italians, the French and Spanish one each of their countrymen. Even the British (never



reckoned to be strong in winter sports) voted our own into the top spots - Torvill and Dean, and Robin Cousins.

It was the same story when it came to voting for the most impressive sports personality of the century. The French put three of their own into the top places, the Germans two.

Ask a Spaniard who is the greatest individual sportsman in the world and he will tell you it is Indurain. Ask a German to name the greatest team player and you find it is Franz Beckenbauer. Ask a Frenchman to rank motor racing drivers and Alain

Prost comes out on top.

The British are guilty of chauvinism, too, but the results show them to be more generous than most. Although Sebastian Coe was a clear winner as the most impressive track

second and our top eight also includes Emil Zatopek, Jesse Owens, Sergey Bubka and Abebe Bikila. Interestingly, Linford Christie does not get a look in on the list of the most famous athletes, as seen through the eyes of the British public.

Of course, the only thing that surveys such as this really tell us about sports fans is that nations make a great fuss of their winners, their own national heroes - but the amazed the world by carrying off pollsters should try

telling that to the senior partner of our only gold medal-winning team in Atlanta, Steve Redgrave. Short of rowing to the South Pole, it is difficult to see what more Redgrave could have done to capture the

imagination of the sporting public. He took his fourth gold medal at the Olympics to become Britain's most successful Olympian ever only to find that, on his triumphant return home this week, he was met by just six people, and they were all members of his family.

There was just a single Union Jack draped over a barrier in the arrivals lounge at Gatwick - and that had been brought by his mother. Redgrave, granite-faced as ever, said he was disappointed but not sur-

acknowledgement of what I achieved," he said. "In Dublin, the Irish President was there to greet Michelle Smith. That is how they treat their athletes. I didn't get so A Degree of Uncertainty. Radio 4, 7,20pm.

Part Two of his inquiry into what universities are and are not doing to prepare graduates for jobs. finds David Walker in much the same pressimistic mood he was in last Thursday. This is how he concludes pessimistic mood he was in last Thursday. This is how he concludes notight's episode: "Universities give you a badge and expectations, toright's episode: "Universities give you a badge and expectations, but not much that is directly relevant to the world of work." He but not much that is directly relevant to the world of work." He speculates on what might be demanded of universities if they had to speculates on what might be demanded of universities if they had to mend their ways. Would done have to be much more worldly to teach pupils the skills of survival in a tough professional environment? Instead of merely floating the question. David Walker should have got a don to answer it. After all, he doesn't allow any other educationalist to wriggle off his hook. much as a note from John Major. We need to decide in this country whether we want a team of winners or not."

He does seem to have a point. Smith, the Irish swimmer who three gold medals, was greeted by a crowd reported to be 50,000-The British strong, a red carpet, a presidential reception are more and the full Dublin

generous'

There are, apparently, plans afoot to give Redgrave a civic reception when he goes back to Marlow, where they know a thing or two about rowing. Let's hope they do it in style. Eightyfour years ago, when Amundsen went back to Norway after his journey to the Pole, he was greeted by rapturous crowds, a full-scale banquet and accolades from the Norwe-

gian king, George V. They did not need opinion polls to tell them how to greet a hero in those

JOHN BRYANT

CRICKET: PAKISTANIS FIND BATTING A STRUGGLE ON WORN PITCH AT GRACE ROAD

Leicestershire spinners call tune

BY PAT GIBSON

LEICESTER (first day of three: Pakistanis won toss): Leicestershire, with nine firstinnings wickets in hand, are 193 runs behind the Pakistanis

RELATIONS between England and Pakistan this summer have been so cordial that it would be a shame to spoil the atmosphere, but anyone with a suspicious mind could easily have come up with a conspiracy theory yesterday.

If part of England's strategy towards winning the final Test and squaring the series was to deprive Pakistan of the meaningful batting practice they need in between playing on a Yorkshire pudding of a pitch at Headingley, and the fastest surface in the land at the Oval, they could not have made a much better job of it.

The Pakistanis were asked to play on a Grace Road pitch which had been used three times this season, once for a Benson and Hedges Cup game in May and twice recently for Sunday league matches. Not surprisingly, they strugled to reach a total of 221 with the Leicestershire spinners, Brimson and Pierson, taking seven wickets between them.

The official explanation was that, with three pitches out of use because they have been relaid. Leicestershire are running out of strips to play on. The Pakistanis did not seem to mind too much. After all, anything Pierson and Brimson could do, their own spinners, Mushtaq Ahmed and Saqlain Mushtaq, were likely to do rather better.

Leicestershire were without their captain, Whitaker, and their vice-captain, Simmons, both trying to get fully fit for the more serious business of trying to win the county championship, while their England bowler, Mulially, was having a rest.

It looked as though Millns was keen to join them when he left the field after bowling one over but such a cynical thought was promptly dispelled when the physiotherapist took his place as twelfth

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-53, 3-62, 4-99, 5-129, 6-131, 7-142, 8-142, 9-221 BOWLING Milns 18-3-50-1; Parsons 23-9-42-2, Wells 5-2-18-0; Pierson 20-8-44-3, (2-2, Wells 5-2-18-0; Pierson 20-6 Birmson 21-9-39-4; Clarke 4-1-10-0 LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B F Smith, A Habib, V P Clarke, "V J Wels, tP A Noon, D J Millins, G J Persons, A R K Pierson and M T Brimson to bat. BOWLING: Ata-ur-Rehman 2-0-6-0; Mo-hammad Akram 5-1-18-1; Mushkaq Ahmed

Umpires M J Kitchen and G Sharo.

man. Milins was soon back to have Shahid Anwar caught behind before the spinners went to work.

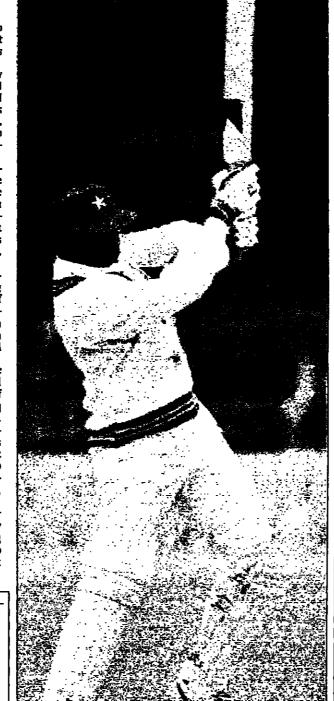
Brimson, the emerging slow left-armer, had Saeed Ahmed stumped in his first over and bowled Shadab Kabir in his third, leaving Aamir Sohail, who is captaining the side, to set about rebuilding the innings with Salim Malik. Sohail, still having treat-

ment for the hand injury he suffered in a fall during the first Test, did not seem to be in too much discomfort in batting for almost an hour, but when he had made 30 he was bowled behind his legs. sweeping at Brimson.

Three of the next four wickets fell to Pierson, the gangling off-spinner, who had Asif Mujtaba driving in some des-peration to cover, Moin Khan caught and bowled and Salim Malik caught at slip off a ball which turned and bounced.

The Pakistanis would have been even more embarrassed but for a ninth-wicket stand of 79 in 22 overs between Mustaq Ahmed and Ata-ur-Rehman. it ended when Mustag, hav ing struck five ebullient fours in his 38, was given out caught off his glove as he tried to evade a short ball from Parsons and departed vigorously, rubbine his left elbow.

He soon had his chance for revenge, but it was the speedy Mohammad Akram, bidding to make the Test side, who bowled Sutcliffe with the last ball of the day.



Salim Malik produces a rare attacking stroke

WORDWATCHING

Answers from page 40

(a) In bull-fighting, a decorative pass made with the muleta. An eponym of Domingo Ortega (born 1906), a Spanish bullfighter who proactised it. "The manelotina is another embellishment. Formerly, it was called the orteguina, after Domingo Ortega, who took it from the nineteenth-century repertoire and refurbished it. Manolete picked it up and further refined (ie.

(b) The periodic turning or shaking of bottled wine (especially champagne) to move sediment towards the cork before disgorgement. The Freuch for "moving about". "Along the walls were countless bottles top downwards in racks. 'Ready for the remuage. Gets the sediment down to the cork'."
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(b) In Maori tradition, the place where departed spirits make their way into the next world; hence, the land of departed spirits. Maori for "the place of leaping". "the natives in the north of the island still point out the cliff from which the spirits fof the dead made their descent into the sea on their way back to the Island of Hawaii, from whence their forefathers came. This cliff was

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TCCB side further weakened by Brown's withdrawal

BY SIMON WILDE

SOUTH AFRICA A take an unbeaten record into the last and most important fixture of their seven-week tour against a TCCB XI at Chester-le-Street today, but whether the match is capable of living up to its billing must be open to serious doubt. Not only will Paul Adams, the one member of the youthful visiting party well known to the English public, not be on view, but, for the second year running, the English representative side has been chosen only from those counties without championship commitments.

While Duncan Fletcher, the South Africa A coach, wisely does not wish to write off a team he has not yet seen in action, this is one aspect of the tour that has disheartened him. "Many of the teams we have met have preferred to rest first-choice players and that is disappointing," he said sterdav

"When England A toured South Africa a couple of years ago, the A team they played in their last match was regarded as the second-most important team in the country and I was told, as Western Province coach, that I must make do

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without several players because they were wanted for that side."

In England, things are unenviably different. When Young Australia toured last year, the TCCB XI contained players from only four counties; this year the England selectors chose from five, although within the scope available to them they have clearly proffered the hand of encouragement to a number of promising performers, nota-bly Adam Hollioake, the captain, Salisbury and Cowan.

After the withdrawal yester day of Simon Brown. Durham's first Test player, who has a knee injury, James Kirtley, who is is hardly a household name, even in his native Sussex, was brought in. If reports of the pitch are

anything to go by, Kirtley and his fellow seamers could be busy. Whether the match lasts its allotted time is, of course, a moot point. The fixture with Young Australia was completed in only two days on a wholly unsuitable surface at Edgbaston and there can be no guarantee that a new ground, with a square that is bedding down, will not provide another embarrassingly swift encounter.

With the three leading championship sides not in action today, the spotlight will fall on their three closest pursuers, one of whom, Yorkshire, having just lost another cup match to Lancashire and Bevan, their overseas player, may be vulnerable at Bristol.

Fiction based on fact, Julia Pascal's drama is about a Jewish girl's wartime odyssey from her home in Vienna to London, then to the German-occupied island of Guernsey and finally, Auschwitz. Given its theme of a life cruelly cut short. The Road to Paradise could not fail to sadden us, and Pascal certainly knows how to squeeze out the last drop of pathos. I am not sure it was a good idea to construct the play's framework out of letters from the doomed girl (Tracy Wiles). The weakness of the device is most strongly exposed when her final communication to the outside world is thought out loud in the gas chamber at Auschwitz.

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Dukas (Symphony in C); Krommer (Oboe Quartet in C); Zanetti (II Scotaro, excerpts); Vorisek (Variations in B flat, Op 19); Beethoven (Romance in F, Op 50); Milhaud (Le Camaval

de Londres, excerpts)
9.00 Morning Collection with
Paul Gambaccini. Shostakovich (Festive Overture); Bach (Double Violin Concerto in D minor BWV 1043); Kuhnau (The Battle between David and Goliath, Biblical Sonata No 1);

Tippett (Prano Sonata No 1) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Strauss (Don Juan): Beethoven (Twelve Variati on Mozart's Ein Madchen oder Welbothen from Die Zauberflote) 10.30 Proms Artist of the Week Judith Howarth, soprano. Falla Habanera); Brahms

(Symphony No 3 in F) 11.25 Poulenc (Ave verum corpus); Lawes (Consort Suite in A minor); Britten (On this Island)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Beethoven
1.00pm Staval John Alfson

concludes his exploration into the roots of Russian Opera 2.00 Nikotel Demidenko, piano. Field (Sonata No 4 in B, H17); Schumann (Variations on a Theme by Clara Wieck, Concert sans orchestre) Chopin (Noctumes: in F sharp, Op 15 No 2; in C

sharp minor, Op 27 No 1; in F sharp minor, Op 48 No 2) Preoccupations. Barbara Bonney, soprano, talks about

2.55 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Symphony Orchestra American Tour, under Andrew Davis. With John Lill, plano. Berlioz (Overture: Le Corsaire); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G); Elgar

Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

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Jau); Liszt (Plano Concerto No 1 in E flat) 7.35 Fantasy and Fury 7.55 Proms Part 2.

9.15 Cultural Baggage: Taxonomy (4/4) (r) 9.35 The Art of Touching the Keyboard. Christoph Rousset, harpsichord, performs music by Couperin 10.00 BBC Proms 1996. Rosa

Mannion, soprano, Nash Ensemble, under Martyn Brabbins. Milhaud (La creation du monde): Falla (Psyche); Colin Matthews (Twenty-Three Frames for Four Players); Gerhard, arr Bowen (Six Songs from L'irifantament meravellos de Shahrazada): Falia (El

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8.45 Twillight. Joanna Pinnock explores the twilight world of moths (2/5)

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11.30 Offspring. John Peel returns with a new series of the award-winning show about families and family life (r)

12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History. William Hope reads Dorne Tarit's thrifler (9/15)

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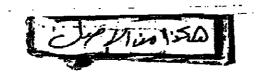
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Never mind the length, fight for quality documentary made this attended the rehabilitation centre run by Dikul, who had broken his

REVIEW

Peter

Barnard

30 years ago were the most eye-catching items in the schedules last night, yet it was a modest little number on Channel 4 that came up on the rails to steal the main plaudits. Never judge an evening by the listings.

A huge Russian with the ability to arch his body and use it to support several weights plus five men, a total of more than 2.200lbs, did not seem like the stuff of riveting television. But it was, because Valentin Dikul is a genuine hero, a truly extraordinary man.

Short Stories: Strongman began as the story of Matthew Stockfort, who is himself remarkable enough. He has a broken back but has won world championships and three gold medals in the Paralympics for skiing. But he wants to walk again and Channel 4 followed him to Moscow in pursuit of that ambition. There he

back when a trapeze bar snapped during his circus act. Doctors confronted Dikul with the dread words: you will never walk again.

Dikul did walk again. He knew that a broken back is not quite as hopeless as a broken neck. He has a maxim, and shame on anyone who thinks it trite: Those who believe will work and those who work will walk." Dikul believes that most muscles can be taught to do their old jobs and that muscles which are beyond repair can have their jobs done by other muscles.

He makes no extravagant claims, performs no miracles, dispenses neither potions nor promises. After his own accident, he spent all day every day on the floor of a gymnasium, exercising. He worked through incredible pain. By evening the exhaustion was such that he fell asleep on the floor. Cleaners arriving next morning found him still and prone. Convinced he was dead, they rushed for a doctor.

Dikul continued this regime for ... weeks? Months? No, five years. He already knew some anatomy and learnt a lot more from his experience. Now in his fifties, he is back in the circus, tossing 100lb balls into the air and catching them on the back of his neck.

ikul believes that "movement means life to people. The human organism has so many undiscovered resources and possibilities". This may be so, but the point about Dikul is that he has limitless determination, incredible will. At his rehabilitation centre, he offered Stockfort what he offers others: some technique and some equipment to take home. And masses of inspiration. Compared with Dikul, the

ship are scarce worthy of a minute's attention. Unfortunately Inside Story: Eurocops 96 (BBCI) chose to give them 50 minutes, for no reason discernable to me. The programme followed the police operation (cost: £20 million) at the tournament and filmed what skirmishes there were at close quarters. Endless news bulletins assembled yobbery at this sumbefore, during and after the chammer's Euro 96 football championpionships had done the same sort of thing and we learnt nothing new and his ability as a director to be shown as very much a 1960s devel-

The truth about football hooliganism is that there is not much of it about and most of what there was in June was the product of too much booze. A documentary about the advanced state of police intelligence would have been interesting, but not so telegenic.

So we were left with endless footage of heaving masses and pol-

ice officers talking into radios and pointing at video screens. Pictures for their own sake. I longed for Valentin Dikul to walk in and reduce the televison set to chopsticks. His failure to do so at least ensured that I watched a proper documentary about proper people. This was **Don't Count the Candles** (BBC2), the first television film made by Lord Snowdon, in the

1960s, in black and white. This film, and Snowdon's still photography, demonstrate his unerring eye for picture composition

present in a room without dominating the proceedings, a lesson some modern documentary makers could learn to their benefit and ours. Don't Count the Candles is about old age but the film itself has not aged one bit.

nowdon tacked on a new introduction. He said he was 35 when he made the film but now has a bus pass. "It's a fairly episodic film and it's also quite snobby, there are a lot of name people in it." The apologetic tone was unneessary, for the names - Noël Coward, Lady Asquith. Barbara Hepworth,

among others — were good value. So were more ordinary mortals, whose recurring theme was that the central fear of ageing has to do with loneliness and the loss of physical independence. The battle against ageing often pictured as some new-fangled thing, was opment, from fitness clubs to hair-

There was also an extraordinary sequence about fluids being injected into people. The fluids had been taken from aborted foetuses removed from a specially reared flock of sheep in Switzerland. Coward said that he had some of these injections, but had no idea whether they had done him any good.

I have no objection to people trying to remain youthful, except that the more extreme manifestations of this imply an insulting attitude to old age, which can be rewarding and full of zest (I hope).

And I suppose I had been prejudiced against the trivial, whether in the form of vanity or loutery, by the insistent vision of Valentin Dikul, sweating on the hard wooden floor of a Russian gym. Last night, he alone seemed to embody the value of life, rather than its length.

BDGIC SYLVEN 6.00am Business Breakfast (22080) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (93979) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

9.20 Delia Smith's Summer Collection (r) (Ceetax) (s) (7597028) 9.50 Gourmet Ireland (5931028)

10.20 FILM: Lucky Jim (b/w. 1957) Classic British comedy, based on the novel by Kingsley Amis, about a junior history lecturer at a provincial university. Directed by John Boulting (10506844) 12.00 News and weather (1623844)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (4893047) 12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (6624950) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (63738) 1.30 Regional News (42915399) 1.40 Small Talk. (r) (7977738)

2.15 Lovejoy (218940) 3.05 Unspeakable Verse (7737641) 3.20 The Rockford Files (9225738) 4.50 Knots Landing (7156955)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (669844) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceelax)(202)

6.30 Regional News magazines (554) 7.00 Holidays Out. Kirsty Young and Ben Hall present more ideas for days out and weekends across the country. (Ceetax)

7.30 EastEnders. There's a special promotion at the Cobra Club, while Nigel and Sanjay run a disco for the kids. Cindy and David find time for a chat about the future. (Ceefax) (s) (738)

8.00 Back to the Wild. Patrick Robinson goes behind the scenes at the RSPCA's wildlife hospital in Somerset (4405) 8.30 Auntie's Sporting Bloomers. Terry Wogan introduces another selection of

the sporting action that should never have happened (Ceefax) (s) (3912) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (7950)

9.30 Atlatico Partick. The lives and loves of an amateur football team on and off the field. Jack starts this episode with a new girlfriend and ends up in a gay club with a new boyfriend (Ceetax) (s) (61283)

10.00 Defence of the Realtri: Trident Countdown. For the tirst time, cameras are allowed on board the top-secret Trident nuclear submarine (Ceefax) (s) (771573)

10.55 You Decide. Jeremy Paxman invites a studio audience to debate a topical issue, presiding over the argument and counter-argument on the issue of the week. A final live phone-in reveals the verdict (297196)

11.45 FILM: Appointment in Honduras (1953) with Gienn Ford, Ann Sheridan and Zachary Scott. En route with money to help the fight against the rebels in Honduras, Jim Corbett's ship is diverted, forcing him to undertake a dangerous trek through the jungle. Directed by Jacques Tourneur (428564)

1.00am The Road to the White House 1996: The Republican Party Convention. Live coverage of the proceedings of the first in this year's American election conventions (7943993)

4.00 Weather (64573806)

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Gemstar Development Ltd. BBC2 72 6.00am Open University: A Natural Model (3742486) 6.25 Brain and Behaviour

(3754221) 6.50 Work and Energy (2639979) 7.15 See Hear Breaklast News (Ceelax and signing) (6070202) 7.30 The Brollys (3218347) 7.45 Lassie (1802863) 8.10 Smurfs' Adventures (5413486) 8.35 Cartoon Critters (3486509) 9.05 Spiderman (r) (s) (2960370) 9.25 The Village by the Sea (7503689) 9.50 Puppydog Tales (3194554) 10.00 Playdays (s) (7131134)

10.25 Man in a Suitcase (r) (2803554) 11.15 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (8534370) 11.40 The Addams Family (r) (5394775) 12.05pm Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century (4891689) 12.35 It's a Living (6622592) 1.00 The Brollys (45940689) 1.15 A-Z of Food (24962486) 1.25 Memus and Music

1.40 The Oprah Winirey Show (8090047) 2.20 Crawshaw Paints Oils (87370592) 2.50 Don't Be an Anorald (1562134) 3.00 News (1702202) 3.05 The Natural World (1873825) 3.55 News (3387573) 4.00 Cartoon (5536660) 4.05 Little Mouse

on the Prairie (3396221) 4.30 Bouncing Back (s) (979) 5.00 Newsround (9934757) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (Ceefax) (4349467) 5.35 FILM: South of St Louis (1949). Three friends see their ranch destroyed at the start of the American Civil War. Directed by Ray Enright (4805486)

7.00 Seven Ages of Man. Anthony Clare talks to Lord Deedes (Ceefax) (s) (3399) 7.30 Designer Dreams (s) (680)



Kirsty Young in Exmouth (8.00pm)

8.00 The Street. Kirsty Young and her team visit Victoria Road in Exmouth, Devon (Ceefax) (s) (2047)

One Foot on the Continent.
Kirsty Wark leads the first foray abroad for the team (Ceefax) (s) (1554) 9.00 The Travel Show. From Chicago, which is challenging New York as America's first-choice city break. (Ceefax) (s) (5592) 9.30 Dark Secret: Too Much, Too Young. The condition of precocious puberty, which affects 550 young people each

10.00 Hancock: The Bowmans. Hancock plays Old Joshua Merryweather in a radio senes. His behaviour leads to him being written out of the script (Ceelax) (s) (52047) Followed by Video Nation Shorts 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (733573) 11.15 Oldie TV (325738) Followed by

12.00 Grace under Fire (Ceelax) (s) (45806) 12.00 Grace under Fire (Ceelax) (s) (45806)
12.30am Open University: The Rinuccini
Chapel, Florence (18210) 1.00 Soap
and Water (62158) 1.30 Greenberg on
Jackson Pollock (40644) 2.00 Summer
Nights: Music Maestro Essentials
(38245) 4.00 Mexico Vivo, Diez Ternas,
Spanish Globo, Bon Mot (97429) CHOICE

Black Bag: Suicide Warriors Channel 4, 8.00pm

Question: What makes the Black Tigers of Sri Lanka different from other rebels? Answer: They are willing to die if they can take the "enemy" with them. This was true of Japan's kamikaze pilots but unlike them the Black Tigers (the elite suicide bombers within the Tamil army) do not expect a reward in Heaven. The war between the majority Sinhalese Government and the Tamil separatists has been raging since the late 1970s and so far has killed more than 40,000 — including countless civilians. Sabiha Sumar's unique film concentrates on a force within the Tamils which may be their secret strength: the women, fighting for equality with their men, are often better at precision shooting and bombing. And they are just as fanatical — eager and proud to be accepted as Black Tigers. Says one: "Even if we fall in love we will not deviate from our aim." Chilling.

One Foot on the Continent BBC2, 8.30pm

Southern Tuscany ... there is something improbable about its beauty, intones Andrew Graham-Dixon as he takes One Foot in the Past on its first foreign assignment. As you'd expect from this intrepid team, there is nothing touristy or obvious in their Italian discoveries. Pienza, "a perfect Renaissance town" created by Pope Pius II. has a Gothic cathedral inspired by our very own York — "but without stained-glass windows. This Pope wanted sun," says Dixon. Kirsty Wark's Venzone "has not been in the guidebooks since 1976 when two earthquakes obliterated most of it". But the townsfolk have sifted through the rubble to reconstruct their gem in the Dolomites. And if you thought you knew Palermo — well, think again when you follow Dan Cruickshank into the Palazzo Cinese.

Secret History: Harold Wilson — The Final Days Channel 4, 9.00pm

By the time he had won his fourth election in 1974, was the Prime Minister turning paranoid? Ten years on from his first, buoyant success. Wilson had begun to drink heavily and was obsessed by rumours that renegade MI5 officers were seeking to undermine his Government. Certainly there were accelerating smears against the Labour Party, not least the allegation of links between Wilson and the KGB. But was Wilson right to be so suspicious — or was he becoming mentally unstable. To tragic figure, to quote correspondent Chapman Pincher, when Wilson resigned, a broken man, in 1976? Retired officers from the CIA, KGB and MI5, together with some of Wilson's closest circle, suggest not only that there were indeed plots aimed at bringing the man to his knees but that they are partly vindicated by an unofficial inquiry ordered by Wilson's successor, James Callaghan.

Defence of the Realm: Trident Countdown BBC1, 10pm

This unprecedented inside look at the MoD is shaping into an impressive series. It is hard to fault the immense sense of occasion, the patriotism and tension among the 134strong crew of the submarine HMS Victorious as they prepare for the big day: the test firing of one of their 16 (unarmed) Trident missiles. As each warhead is five imes more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb there are obvious questions to be sked and reporter Peter Taylor doesn't fudge them. But Commander Jonty Powis revels in the responsibility...there is no point having nuclear weapons if you are not prepared to fire them". Elizabeth Cowley 6.00am GMTV (4076844) 9.25 Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left (7590115)

9.50 Hope and Gloria (5926196) 10.20 ITN News (5242554)

10.25 Regional News (5241825) 10.30 Lady Boss. The first of a two-part senal based on the novel by Jackie Collins (r)

(40682196) 12.20pm Regional News (1629028) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext)

(6627047)

12.55 Shortland Street (6602738) 1.25 Coronation Street (6469738) 2.00 Home and Away (87363202) 2.25 FILM: A Town Torn Apart (1992). The

conclusion of yesterday's film. Directed by Daniel Petrie (9612270) 3.20 ITN News (1719592) 3.25 Regional News (1718863)

3.30 The Riddlers (3110919) 3.40 Wizadora (3925844) 3.50 Molly's Gang (9510955) 4.05 Animaniacs. Superior animation (2816680) 4.20 Blazing Dragons (2031825) 4.45 The Scoop (1266399) 5.10 A Country Practice (5663863)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (665689)

6.25 Regional News (823592) 7.00 Emmerdale. Faye is rescued by the

Dingles (Teletext) (s) (7775) 7.30 The Big Story. In the wake of the Duniblane tragedy, the results of a countrywide investigation are revealed, which shows that there are many mentally

ill and unstable people licensed to carry

8.00 The Bill: Minding. A doting parent suspicions (9573)

8.30 The Freddie Starr Show. Comedy does not come any broader (Teletext) (8080)



Nick Berry as PC Rowan (9.00pm)

9.00 HeartBest: Endangered Species. A hit and run incident leads Nick to discover a darker side of country life (r) (s) (7689) 10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (49573) 10.30 Regional News (958405)

10.40 Tim's Legacy. A locus on Tim Goggs, who died a hero trying to save a mineclearing team trapped in a burning tank in Alghanistan (933486)

11.40 Bodies of Evidence (r) (569383) 12.35am Cue the Music: The Committee 1.35 Not Fade Away (s) (8437719)

2.35 Flux (8658413) 3.35 Late and Loud (r) (9516992)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place: Strippers (r)

5.00 Grass Roots (42852) 5.30 ITN Morning News (33061)

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (823592) 7.30-8.00 On the Chapel Trail (134) 10.40 The Sherman Plays (755644)

11.10-11.40 The Big Story (315776)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 10.30am Film: Between the Darkness and

the Dawn (40682196) 12.55pm Emmerdale (6602738) 1.25-1.55 The Big Day (83213554)

1.55 Home and Away (58945757) 2.25 Sbtth Sense (87373689) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1789979)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5663863) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (84134) **10.45 On the Edge** (819776) 11.15 Roadrunner (816689)

11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (599486)

12.35am Phoenix (4221413)

CENTRAL As HTV West except:

10.30 Film: Between the Darkness and the Dawn (40682196) 12.55pm Home and Away (6602738) 1.25 Just a Minute (83213554)

1.55 A Country Practice (89943196) 2.20 Sbtth Sense (87374318) 2.50-3.20 High Road (5262318) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5663863) 6.25 Central News and Weather (633080) 10.40 London Bridge (755844)

11.10-11.40 Revelations (315776) 12.40am Carnal Knowledge (4220784) 1.40 Not Fade Away (8429790) 2.40 Flux (8657784)

3.40 The Crime Hour (5112531)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20 Sandokan 11.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds (5271318) 11.25 Cross Combat (5274405) 11.55 Dungeons and Dragons (8649842) 12.55pm Emmerdale 1.55 Shortland Street (89943196) 2.20 Sixth Sense (87374318) 2.50-3.20 Doing It Up (5262318) 5.10 Home and Away (5663863) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (370) 6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (950) 10.40 Film: Prince of Darkness (23287115) 12.35am Phoenix (4221413)

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Justice for Lynn (891486) 1.00am War Cries: Baseball in Irish History (84326)

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and Mindy (r) (6846912) 12.30 Travels à La Carte (1/8) Sicily (r) (s)

1.00 Sesame Street (r) (s) (62912) 2.00 Seers and Clowns (47154047) 2.15 FiLM: Footsteps in the Dark (1941) Errol Flynn in a comedy-thriller as an investment banker who wants to be a

crime writer Directed by Lloyd Bacon (Teletext) (692486) 4.00 Backdate (5) (863)

4.30 Countdown (s) (937) 5.00 Ricki Lake(s) (8739863)

5.45 Snapshots. Tony Benn (r) (459554) 6.00 Eerie, Indiana: The Lost Hour (r)

(Teletext) (s) (912) 6.30 Boy Meets World: Last Temptation of Cory (Teletext) (s) (826863)

6,55 Fresh Pop (401738) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (225221) 7.50 The Slot (283689)

8.00 Black Bag: Suicide Warriors. The corps of Tamil Tigers are willing to die for their cause in Sri Lanka. Are they freedom fighters or, as the Government insists, drugged tanatics? (Teletext) (7115)

8.30 Home to Roost (Teletext) (9950)



An unhappy Harold Wilson (9.00pm)

9.00 Secret History: Harold Wilson — the Final Days. The programme looks at all the rumours surrounding an increasingly paranoid Prime Minister (Teletext) (s) (8931)

10.00 FILM: Water (1985). Feeble Ealing comedy with a high-calibre cast including Michael Caine, Billy Connolly, Leonard Rossiter, Maureen Lipman and Valene Pernne, who do what they can with a mediocre script. Directed by Dick Clement (Teletext) (s) (318399)

11,55 Adult Ricki: I Share My Husband with My Sister (Teletext) (s) (853196) 12.40am Kids in the Half (r) (Teletext) (s)

1.10 Beavis and Butthead (r) (s) (4964142) 1.40 Let the Blood Run Free (r) (s) (5035054) 2.10 FILM: I've Heard the Mermaids Singing (1987) (9243697). Ends at 3.40am

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7.00em Undun (85757) 9.00 Press Your Luck. (4939825) 9.20 Love Connection (1752134) 9.45 Oprah Wintrey (2150196) 10.40 Jopandy (805824) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (859047) 12.00 Geraldo 10.40 Jsopardy (808524) 11.10 Geraldo (48270) 1.00pm Code 3 (35234) 1.30 Designing Woman (26134) 2.00 Mirades and Other Wonders (83405) 3.00 Count IV (9592) 3.30 Opreh Wintrey (5762950) 4.15 Lintun 11901573) 5.00 Countrum Leap (4244) 6.00 Beverly Mils 90210 (48234) 7.00 Spetbound (1573) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4399) 8.00 Through the Keyhole (9891) 8.30 The World at They Feet (6028) 9.00 The Commish (49009) 10.00 Cuantum Leap (42196) 11.00 Highlander (18931) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (6201577) 12.45am The Josephine Baker Stray (6385294) 1.30 Adventures of Mark and Bran (89448) 2.00 Hr Mix (8503852)

6.00am Survise (2912196) 9.30 Beyond 2000 (21698) 10.30 ABC Nightline (73554) 1.30pm CBS News (24776) 2.30 CBS News (4776) 2.30 Beyond 2000 (9221) 8.30 [1776] 1.30 Beyond 2000 (9221) 8.30 Sportstre (5641) 8.30 Reuters Reports (7370) 11.30 CBS News (89202) 12.30am ABC World News (51335) 1.30 Tonight with rec., world News (613:35) 1,30 1 (origin war's Sirron McCoy Replay (70790) 2,30 Reulers Reports (58500) 3,30 Beyond 2000 (49852) 4,30 CBS News (51177) 5,30 ABC World News (758-64)

SKY MOVIES

8.00am Perilous Joanney (1983) (79880) 8.00 How to Steal the World (1986) (84757) 10.00 Ivana Trump's for Love Alone (1984) (38579) 12.00 Celebration Faulty (1887) (6788) 2.00pm The Mask (1984) (65775 4 70 Celebrat Perilo Abone (1984) (5090); 2.00pm The Mack Family (1987) (57080); 2.00pm The Mack (1994) (66776); 4.00 Going Under (1990) (9776); 6.00 heans Trump's for Love Alone (1994) (18399); 7.30 US Top Ten (9457); 8.00 The Jungle Book (1994) (9096399); 9.50 The Mack (1994); 873011 (45964); 10.20 The Mack (1994); 873011 (45964); 10.20 The Mack (1994); 873011 (45964); 10.20 The Mack (1994); 137001 (45964); 10.20 The Mack (1994); 137001 (1992); 134555; 3.45-6.00 Tobe Hooper's Night

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Pee-Wee's Big Adventure (1985) 11950) 2.00pm The Seven Year Itch (1955) (48318) 4.00 Caught in the Draft (1941) (62650) 5.20 Avantil (1972) (940663) 8.00 All the Right Moves (1983) (30399) 10.00 Gordhas in the Mist (1985) (63064825) 12.15em The Seven Year Itch (1965) (188784) 2.00 Baby, It's You (1982) (729177) 3.45-5.10 Caught in the Draft (1941) (575808)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00em Jitterbugs (1943) (64009) 7.30 5.00mm diterbugs (1943) (64003) 7.30 Ment the Gooseboy (70660) 9.00 Double, Double, Toll and Trouble (1993) (61060) 10.30 Transformers — the Movie (1986) (65641) 12.00 Bettie Cry (1955) (5079648) 2.20pm Margie (1946) (72467) 4.00 Transformers — the Movie (1986) (3318) 6.00 Rigoletto (1980) (44554) 8.00 Dengerous Intentions (1994) (5639) 10.00 in the Name of the Father (1993) (33056080) 12.15 Shadow (1964) (2639) 10,00 in the Name of the Fether (1993) (33056090) 12,15 Shadow Dencer (1995) (271968) 1,55em Malone (1987) (573254) 3,30-6,00 Against All Odds (1984) (885051)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

to 4am. 8.05am Quack Atlack (74385202) 6.30 8.05am Quack Atlack (1/495xcu) Chip'ni Dale Rescue Rangers (64526641) 6.56 Chip'ni Dale Rescue Rengers (64545776) 7.20 Duckales (97431467) 7.45 Ducklales (87482757) 8.10 Quack Attack (69730047) 8.35 Derkwing Duck 1 Attack (69730047) 8.25 Derivang Duck (67073641) 9.00 Darkwing Duck (13013405) 9.25 Quack Attack (70355202) 10.00 Disney Presents (74737950) 10.55 Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (52652912) 11.20 Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (49808283) 11.45 Muppel Babes (71037399) 12.85 Sing Me a Story with Rolle (768086573) 12.35 m Lamb Chops (49005283) 11.46 Instruction (49005283) 12.05 Sing Me a Story with Belle (76595573) 12.30pm Lamb Chops Pay Along (95282115) 1.00 Tarzan (83833196) 1.30 Fispper (51676115) 2.20 Tean Angel (93557863) 2.30 Eyewithess (88191863) 3.00 Duchales (31479196) 3.25 Quack Afrack (31481931) 3.50 Chip ni Dale Rescue Rangers (74386329) 4.15 Darwing Duck (48564383) 5.00 Gargoyles (38270879) 6.30 Home Improvement (88183844) 7.00 Just Like Family (38250115) 7.30 Feene Tala Theatre (48532825) 8.30 Gargoyles (97868738) 9.20-10.00 Home Improvement (95202979)

SMELLIE AND OVER EUROSPORT

7.30am Mounteinbake (77270) 8.30 Eurotun (58370) 9.00 Athletics (17009) 11.00 Live Mountainbake (19641) 1.00pm Motorcycling Magazane (47739) 1.30 Eurotun (96028) 2.00 Live Golf (95202) 4.00 Athletics (1047) 6.00 Formula (15047) 6.30 Truck Recing (7467) 9.00 Sumo (96631) 18.00 Athletics (93738) 11.00 Sating (70405) 11.30 Motorcycling Magazane (29844) 12.00-12.30am Formula (14974) SKY SPORTS

7.00em Sports Centre (\$3399) 7.30 Wres-ling — Superstars (10202) 8.30 Racing News (63202) 9.00 Acrobics (\$4554) 8.30 Women's Golf McDonalds Championship (10399) 10.30 U15 International Cricket Lombard World Challenge Sems-Intal On (7858950) 6.30pm Sports Centre (4931) 7.00 Inside the PGA Tour (7844) 7.30 Tight 7.00 inside the Post four (1997) 20 inside the Post four (1997 Challenge Semi-hasi On (17863) 12.30am Tight Lines (34993) 1.30 Bools 'n' All (52177) 2.30-3.00 Sports Centre (73326)

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00pm The Winning Post. Newton Abbot and Yarmouth (3470318) 8.30 Mountain Bikes (200437) 9.00 Gold USA: The Sprint International (9523047) 11.30 Tight Lines (8135405) 12.30-1.00em Formula Three

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 hztz TV 4.30 Moms Cerulio Victory 5.00 Voice of Victory 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 This Is Your Day 6.15 Changing Your World 6.45-7.00 Good Morning

SKY SOAP 7.00am Guding Light (3152711) 7.55 As the World Turns (9210979) 8.50 Payson Place (5200592) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (5433370) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (\$260399) 11.20 Great Sports Vacations (\$261026) 12.00 UK Today (2432660) 12.30pm Piene Francy's Cooking in France (\$473793) 1.00

Marltyn Monroe in The Seven Year Itch (Movies Gold, 2.00pm)

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French pair head for Highbury

Arsenal sign two but wait for Wenger

CURIOUSER and curiouser grows the turmoil around Arsenal. Yesterday, the club signed two French Legionnaires, midfield players, yet no one around Highbury was able to confirm that the sup-posed general, the coach Arsene Wenger, would indeed be coming to manage the team, the club, and the dire rebuilding process.

Indeed, having dismissed Bruce Rioch on Monday, Arsenal now say that they will not have his replacement in-stalled before the FA Carling Premiership kick-off against West Ham United on Saturday. Instead, they introduced Remi Garde, 30, from Strasbourg, who was free to decide his future under the Bosman ruling, having reached the end of his contract. Potentially more exciting is Patrick Vieira. also French and, at 20, at least with his best decade ahead of

However, Vieira is still a curious acquisition. He sur-prised all of France when, at 19, he was plucked out of Cannes to sign a 4½-year contract with the all-powerful AC Milan. A change of manager in Milan, barely a game in a year for Vieira, and suddenly eight billion lira (just under £3.5 million) secures for Arsenal his potential right on the deadline for the club to sign him and Garde to meet Uefa requirements for European competition this season. Vieira had played 50 times for Cannes, and certainly has

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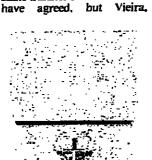
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much talked-about potential. He is big, black, and would have played for France at the Olympics this summer but for injury. He was born in Senegal in June 1976. He is almost oft 3in, travels on a French passport, and Milan signed him in good faith as "the new Marcel Desailly". Last November they gave him a contract worth more than E3 million to last until the end of the century. They paid the same transfer fee that Arsenal



among such exalted company in Milan, was given only two league games and one Copa Italia tie.

So who, at Highbury, could have known that he may be a fine capture, given that the one headline he drew during a season in Italy was as a passenger in a car driven by George Weah, the world play-er of the year, which rolled and almost killed the pair of them on a weekend off?

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Of course, it has to be

thoughts were." Really? Communication is a wo-way process. Could it be that Arsenal, by repute one of the most accomplished clubs in the world, had not known of their communication problem, or had suddenly found it

Wenger will be a communicator all right. He comes, if that is not too presumptuous, highly recommended by the world-class players whom he has guided along the way. His education, with a degree in economics, would surely ease him into a boardroom accus-

in Strasbourg.
Added to all of this, Wenger. if and when he hits London, will face the everyday Highbury story of taking care of the vulnerabilities in Paul Merson. The 28-year-old, still with the potential to be the kind of flair player Wenger can work with, has been

talking rather too much while the club is between managers. "You'll never know how near I came to packing it in said. His problem was not a relapse into drink or drugs, but that he had missed a

session with his counsellors. The manager, the now departed Rioch, put Merson straight, but it is indicative of the task facing whoever grap-ples with Arsenal Football Club that players, seemingly directors, and supporters are all in a state of dependency. The retreat from Japan cannot



In today's Times a four-page entry guide for

failed to do so.

So what holds back the announcement that the Frenchman will be at Arsenal to manage the French players who, if they can pass the ball with any imagination at all. will be the first signs of creative improvement in a team growing so old and so stagnant. It would appear that Arsenal are waiting for Wenger to extricate himself from his obligation as the £700,000-a-year trainer to Nagoya Grampus Eight.

This, of course, may be Arsenal doing things proper-ly. The old-Etonian history of the club demands that they are not seen to poach another club's manager, especially one from a fledgeling league such as that in Japan.

There remains some explaining to do on the home ront. Peter Hill-Wood, the Arsenal chairman, while still neither confirming nor denying that they have their man, said yesterday: The new manager has to be a first-class coach, someone to communicate with the players and the board. Football has gone international in recent seasons and that is the route we will continue to follow.

Of the deposed Rioch, Hill-Wood said: "He hardly talked to us. We did not know what was going on or what his

so insufferable just five days before the new season?

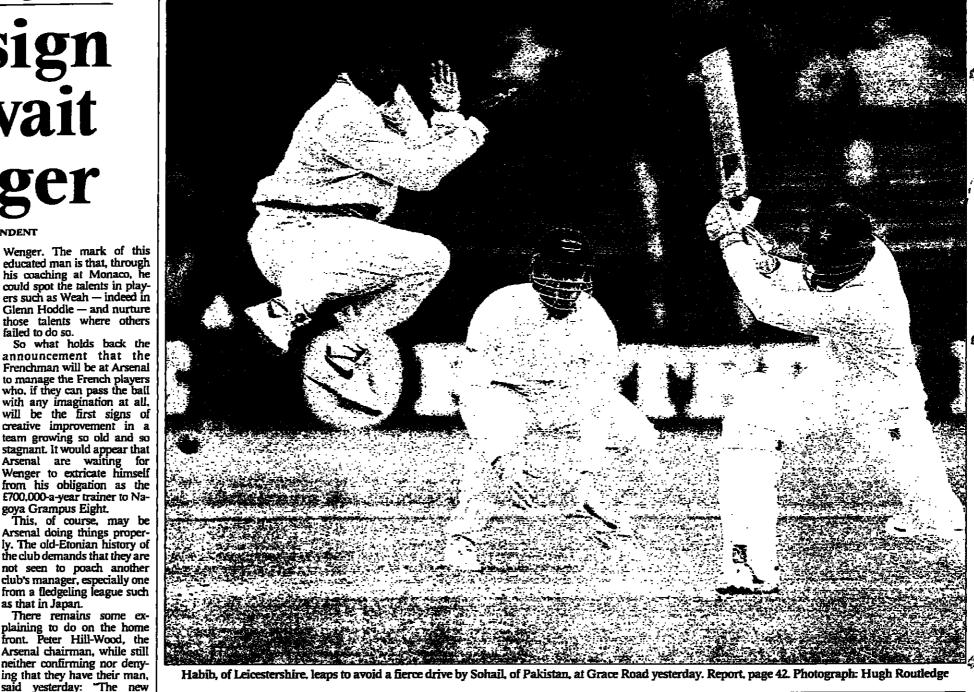
tomed to City talk.

Yet, the mathematics of his challenge would seem extreme. Eight players — Dixon, Winterburn, Bould, Linighan, Platt, Keown, Wright and, by October, Adams — are 30 or more. Garde is now another one and French sources say that his form over the past two seasons has dipped, either with age or with disaffection

last week," Merson reportedly

come soon enough.





Masterkova shatters mile record

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ZURICH

SVETLANA MASTERKOVA. one of three athletes who left the Atlanta Olympics with two night set the first women's world record of the season. More than that, she achieved it in her first race over a mile.

Masterkova took more than three seconds off the record. which had stood for seven years. In Atlanta, her 800/1500 metres double went relatively unheralded compared with the 200/400 metres victories of Michael Johnson and Marie-José Pérec. However, here she left the sport in no doubt about

her outstanding talent. She set to the task in the manner of Noureddine Morceli, relying on a pacemaker to stretch her away from the field in the first lap. then taking up the running for a solo effort during the last 660 yards. Lyudmila Borisova, Masterkova's fellow Russian. took them through 440 yards in what appeared to be a suicidal 61.91 seconds.

However, on the second lap, Borisova toned down the pace, taking her compatriot through 880 yards in 2min 06.66sec. At the end of the back straight on the third lap, Borisova stood aside and Masterkova reached the bell in 3:12.61.

Masterkova picked up her pace down the back straight and around the top bend and. though she slowed in the

home straight, she crossed the line in 4:12.56. The record, which had been held by Paula Ivan since 1989, was 4:15.61. Masterkova received a

\$50,000 (about £35,000) bonus and a kilogram of gold, worth Jonathan Ridgeon rejected the greater financial rewards of running in the 400 metres hurdles A race to appear, by choice, in the B race instead, and reaped the benefit on the clock — if not in the pocket. Ridgeon opted for lane eight in the support event in preference to the tight bend and built-up curb he would have

had to negotiate running in lane one in the main race. Ridgeon's reward was the fastest time of his comeback



and almost a personal best. He finished a close second to Eric Thomas, of the United States, recording 48.79sec compared with the winner's

The silver medal-winner in the sprint hurdles at the 1987 championships, world Ridgeon, now 29, is the alltime British No 4 over the onelap hurdles. Only Kriss Akabusi, David Hemery and Alan Pascoe have run quicker than the 48.73sec that Ridgeon clocked in 1992.

Ridgeon retired after the World Cup in 1992, his career seemingly brought to an end by Achilles tendon troubles. However, this year, after four operations, he returned to competition, initially having resumed running mainly to

Typical of his luck, he enjoyed uninterrupted training and racing until just before the Olympics, when he strained a calf. After his first round, he was eliminated. "It was 50-50 whether I was going to run so what I am doing here, frustratingly, is what I thought I would have achieved at the Games," Ridgeon said.

Surprisingly, for an athlete who has run 24 hurdles races added: "I have got a lot more running in me. When I came back this season, I had no idea what time to expect. Since I started training again I have had only one problem and it just happened to be in the week of the Olympics."

new Premiership season because I was a bit jealous.

and it's thrilling to be given the chance to play up there

City meanwhile are giving a

trial to the unlikely-named Elvis Brajkovic, a member of

the Croatia squad in the

European championship.

Brajkovic, whose mother was

a Presiey rather than a Costel-lo fan, is a tall central defender who is out of contract after

ending his spell with Munich

hearing speculation about Trevor," Clive Berlin, Rang-

ers' chief executive, said. "I've written to Leeds asking them

to desist from publicly specu-

One transfer apparently not going through is that of Sin-clair to Leeds. "I'm sick of

Jarrett: poor season

Instead of the 49.43sec he ran in his Olympic semi-final. Ridgeon probably would have been on the fringe of the sub-48.5sec needed to reach the final. However, his performance here is the encouragement he needs for his winter training and progress towards a place in the final at the world championships in Athens next

Tony Jarrett won the 110 metres hurdles B race. Jarrett, who has had a poor season by his standards, despite beating Allen Johnson, the Olympic champion, and Colin Jackson at Crystal Palace last Sunday. won in 13.38sec, ahead of Steve Brown, another American.

Angela Thorp, who erased

The 800 metres B race was

record is 12.80sec.

won in 1min 43.26sec by Sammy Langat, of Kenya, the sixth fastest time in the world this year. More important, it raised expectations for the A race later in the evening, in which Wilson Kipketer, the world champion, was expected to chase Sebastian Coe's world record of Irnin 41.73sec,

Sally Gunnell's 100 metres

hurdles British record in the

Olympic semi-finals, but nar-

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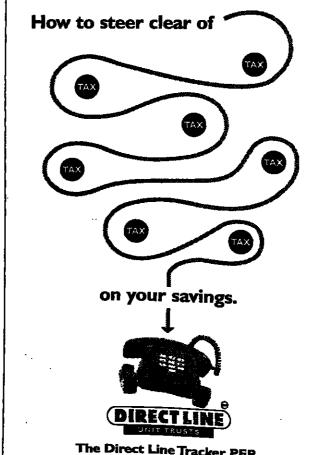
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Curcic and Quinn move back into Premiership spotlight By PETER BALL ASTON VILLA and Sunderme. I'd been trying to ignore all the hype and the buzz of the

land made the most significant moves on a busy day of transfer activity yesterday. Vil-la agreed a fee of £4 million Sasa Curcic while Niall Quinn renewed his working relationship with Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, in signing from Manchester City. Meanwhile, Queens Park Rangers, relegated from the FA Carling Premiership along with Bolton and City, warned Leeds_United_off_their prize

asset. Trevor Sinclair. Villa's capture of Curcic, the Yugoslavia midfield player, represents a club record fee. "It's an incredible sum," Brian Little, the Villa manager, said, but Sasa is one of a group of three or four players whom I have always seen as potential Aston Villa players.

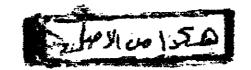
"I've spoken to Bolton on and off for six or eight months about him. It's one of those

things where you wait for the phone call, and the go-ahead has been given." With his skill and eagerness

to run at defenders, Curcic quickly became a hero at Burnden Park but relegation made his departure look inevitable. He will have to wait for a new work permit and will miss the start of the season. Quinn came cheaper, Sunderland finally agreeing to meet Manchester City's ask-ing price of £1.3 million after

stalling for some weeks. Quinn had still to agree his personal terms last night, but he was delighted to move back into the Premiership, particu-larly to work with Reid. "I had my best spell under Peter at Maine Road, Quinn said yesterday. "I said when he was sacked there that he will be a great manager, and I'm looking forward to be playing for

lating about our players, and if they continue to do so, we'll "It's a huge career move for report them to the FA."



New poaching of Kenya elephants provokes outrage

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

CONSERVATIONISTS yesterday reacted with outrage to an upsurge in illegal hunting and poaching of semi-tame elephants from Amboseli National Park in Kenya. They also condemned Dr David Western, the director of Kenya Wildlife Services, for an inadequate response" to the The latest victim was discov-

ered less than a mile inside Tanzania yesterday as Kenya Wildlife Services held a celebration to mark its fiftieth anniversary. Jake. who was 31, was shot dead and his tusks were removed. Footprints leading from the car-cass indicated that he had been shot by local poachers. Another elephant, identified

as Beach Ball, was found dead close to the Amboseli park headquarters two days before. The increase in the killing of Amboseli's big tuskers, some of which are more than 50 ars old and have been

studied at close quarters for 25 years, has taken place despite a hunting ban on elephants in an eight-mile-wide buffer zone in Tanzania. The zone, which runs along Amboseli's borders, was set up after the unsportsmanlike hunting of five elderly bulls was exposed by The Times in 1994. The elephants, which were accustomed to people, were slaughtered by white professional hunters charging \$20,000 (£12,900) a kill.

Since then, up to 11 other male elephants have been killed, eight of them in the past six weeks, and two others are missing. Three females, Qarla, Genette and Zsazsa. are also assumed to have been killed as their calves are being fostered by other females. The deaths of matriarchs is particularly worrying, researchers say, because they teach younger animals how to find water

The news of the killings has

incensed conservationists in Kenya. Many blame Dr Western for reacting too slowly to the problem.

His predecessor, Or Richard Leakey, condemned Dr Western. "I am extremely disappointed and angry about

"For millions of shillings to be budgeted for the liftieth anniversary celebrations while field staff are inadequately resourced is outrageous. These bulls are very important, not only scientifically, but because they are the last of the really big tuskers that people can come to see in East Africa," said Dr Leakey. He said that the wildlife

service had kept details of the Amboseli elephant killings and poaching elsewhere "secret, like in the worst days of poaching in Kenya". Senior wardens at the wild-

life service headquarters did not appear to have heard about the latest killings yester-

Beach Ball, right, the elephant found dead at the hands of poachers two days ago, with Lexi, another member of the Amboseli park herd

day. Jake's carcass was discovered by a researcher from the Save the Elephant charity. lain Douglas Hamilton, its director, said that the tuskers often wandered into Tanzania in search of food before the mating season.

These killings are totally illegal and some look like they

have been carried out by professional hunters," he said. Other sources said there had been reports of a Masai poucher operating on land next to Amhoseli who had been tracked by rangers with the wildlife service's anti-poachwas that elephants "mourn"

their dead.

Dr Cynthia Moss, whose

film Echo of the Elephants: She said Beach Ball, who The Next Generation helped was known locally as to transform thinking about Miomba, the Swahili word for the animals, said the death of uncle, was so tame that child-Beach Ball had caused her ren could approach him. great grief. "He was one of my They would roll tyres tofavourite elephants." she said. wards him, and he would roll One of Dr Moss's revelations them back," she said.

British conservationists were dismayed yesterday by Sir David Attenborough said: "if these elephants can be poached, then what chance is there for those less protected?

They are the most famous elephants, known to millions of people through television programmes. It is dismal



Hashimoto: sent funds

Apology ₃by Japan to war sex slaves

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO AND ABBY TAN IN MANILA

JAPAN'S Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, vesterday expressed his country's remorse for degrading Asian women by forcing them into sexual slavery for Japanese soldiers before and during the Second World War.

In a letter delivered to former sex slaves in the Philippines, together with compensation money, Mr Hashimoto admitted the involvement of the former Japanese Imperial Army in setting up brothels for troops advancing across Asia. Historians estinate that up to 200,000 women, mostly from the Korean peninsula, were forced into sexual servitude.

Three hundred surviving "comfort women", as they are known in Japan, are being offered two million yen (£12.000) each from a nominally private fund set up by the Government. Tokyo is afraid that direct government compensation would unleash a flood of claims from other victims of Japan's wartime aggression, including thousands of forced labourers and prisoners of war.

Some former sex slaves in South Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines are reluctant to accept the money, insisting on direct compensation from the Japanese Government.

The first three payments were made yesterday, on the eve of the 51st anniversary of Japan's surrender in the war. Makiko Arima, vice-president of the Asian Women's Fund of Japan, handed the money to Maria Rosa Henson, 68, Rufina Fernandez, 69, and Atanasia Cortes, 73, at a ceremony in a Manila hotel. The Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines, Hiroyuki Yushita, gave them copies of Mr Hashimoto's letter - the most contrite apology from Japan to the sex slaves so far.

WORLD STHATET.

India halts progress on nuclear ban

Geneva: India has prevented the forwarding of a global nuclear test-ban treaty to the full Conference on Disarmament, Western diplomats said.

Asked after a closed committee meeting if the Indian representative had said she could not accept transmission of the text, Stephen Ledogar, of America said: "Yes, they did, just as they had last night in the informal meeting."

Arundhati Ghose, the Indian delegate, made no immediate comment after leaving the committee meeting, chaired by Jaap Ramaker, of The Netherlands. The committee was reconvening last night to draft its report. (Reuter)

Israel to control Hebron security

Jerusalem: Israel is planning to retain security control over the West Bank city of Hebron. effectively declaring that the Palestinians cannot be trusted to protect the town's minority Jewish population numbering about 400 (Ross Dunn writes). The plan, due to be presented to the Government this week, would require the rewriting of a peace accord signed with the Palestine Liberation Organisation which Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing Is-raeli Prime Minister, had promised to uphold.

Kitchen hand in poisons arrest

Bombay: A young kitchen helper was arrested yesterday in India's worst case of food poisoning as the death toll mounted to 46, with nine patients dying in Bombay hospitals after battling for life for nearly a week. At least 45 others are in serious condition. Blood samples of victims. who suffered giddiness, aches and vomiting, are being analysed in London. Seeds of a white Datura (thorn apple) weed are suspected. (Reuter)

Sacked minister at ANC hearing

Johannesburg: In the biggest crisis the African National Congress has faced since taking power, Bantu Holomisa, the sacked Environment Minister, appeared before a disciplinary hearing to answer charges linked to corruption allegations against senior ANC leaders (Inigo Gilmore writes). If found guilty, he is likely to be expelled or suspended from the ANC.

Karachi march fired on

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

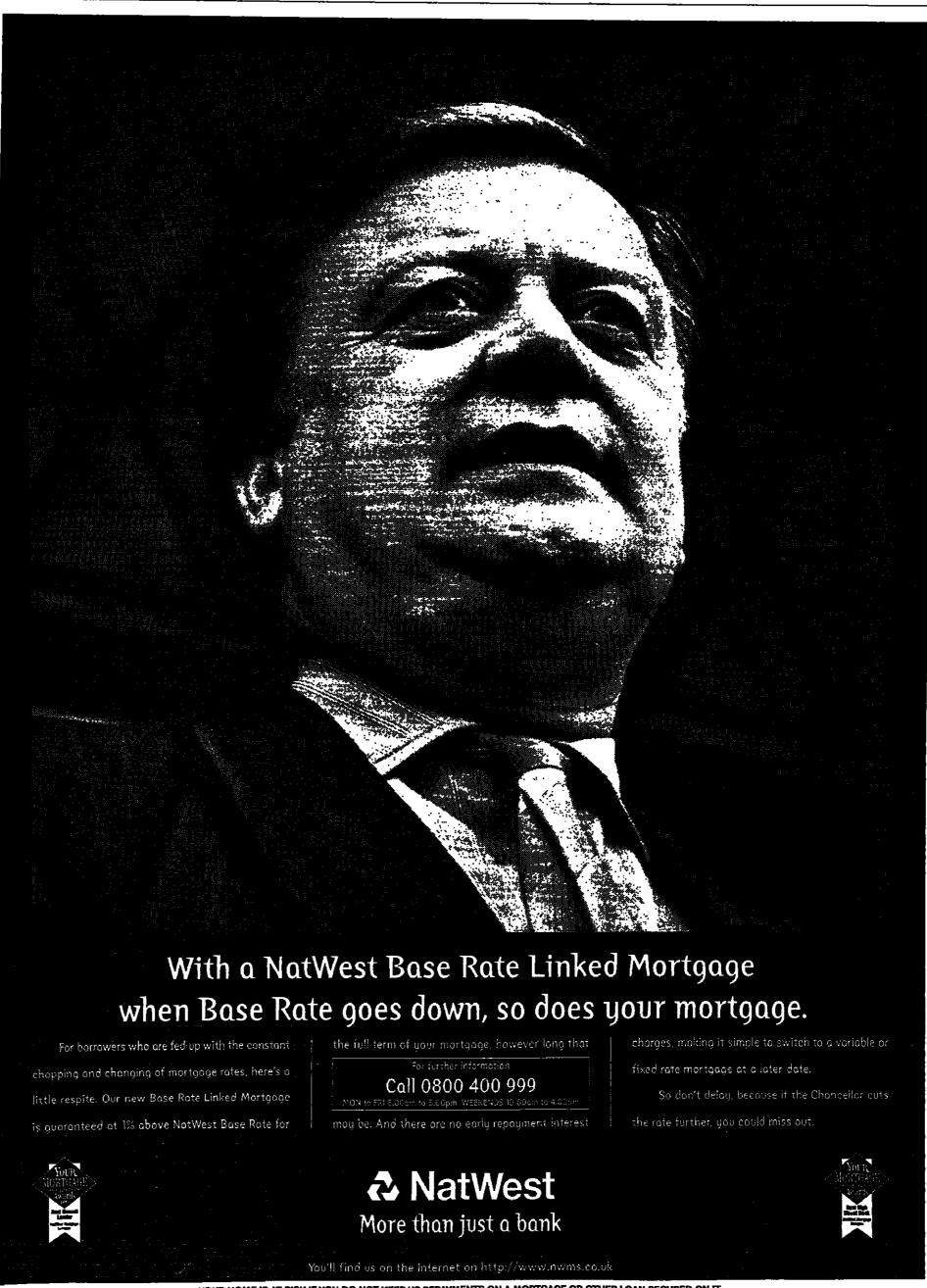
GUNMEN killed at least 12 people and wounded 11 when they opened fire on an Independence Day rally organised by a Sunni Muslim organisation in Karachi's New Town

district yesterday. More than 300 marchers were attacked with machineguns in front of a mosque. Police said the assailants were

nding on two cars. The rally was organised by Sipah-e-Shaba (Soldiers of the Prophet Muhammad) to celebrate the 49th anniversary of Pakistan's independence.

Police suspect that a rival Shia Muslim group. Dhrik Jaffaria, was involved in the attack, which was apparently carried out to avenge the murder of two Shia Muslims by Sipah-e-Shaba in Pakistan's western province of

Punjab last week. The groups have been locked in bloody street wars in Pakistan for the last few years. resulting in hundreds of



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17. 5 million MCC chareholders concert parties, to speak for 27.9 per cent.



Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the latest thinking on baby delivery; plus the difficulties of predicting the behaviour of former psychiatric patients, fresh anxiety over food poisoning, a standardised approach to asthma, and a new drive to vaccinate children

How mums can pass the tennis test

week's Woman's Hour programme on confinements, a hospital delivwas portrayed as a dehumanising experience, with the conduct of the labour determined by high-tech machinery.

In contrast, it implied that the patients who elected to stay at home would have their babies easily and safely and be surrounded by loving relatives. Would that this was so. A normal delivery can

only be diagnosed in retrospect and the truth is that in Britain the safest place for the baby and mother is a well-run hospital lab-

In the general practice where I started the nearest major hospital was 20 miles away, but even so 80 per cent of babies were booked for delivery at home. Although we made an inspired guess and weeded out those mothers who obviously were at high risk, neither I nor the midwife knew what would happen until the labour was over.

Many of our patients lived in outlying villages. As it would take too long to get to them in the event of a disaster occurring in the later stages of labour, I spent many nights sleeping on the sofas in the sitting-room, forceps at the ready, while the woman went through the early stages of

n the introduction to this | labour upstairs. As the Radio 4 programme implied, home de-liveries - once the baby was born and crying - were often uproarious family occasions. But not all of them were conducted in total harmony.

On one occasion a baby showed signs of distress which made delivery a matter of urgency, but the mother was too upset to keep still to have the necessary local anaesthetic block before the forceps could be applied. Before I could stop him, the husband took

command. He delivered a quick left and right which could not disgrace Mohammed Ali and thereafter the woman lay very still. The baby was delivered safely.

The primary objective of any delivery must be that it should be achieved without cost to the mother's health and that the baby should be healthy. Standards are forever increasing and, not surprisingly, women are no longer happy to have survived. Now they expect to be as fit and well as they were before they became pregnant.

Mr Stuart Stanton, of St Georges Hospital, London, is one of a new breed of gynaecologists. He is a consultant urogynaecologist, a gynaecologist who makes a speciality of dealing with bladder and rectal problems. The sub-speciality is assured of a

ready supply of patients, for research at St Georges has shown that 70 per cent of women are still incontinent of urine three months after delivery of a baby and 4 per cent are incontinent of faeces.

The situation improves during subsequent months but relapse occurs later and if the condition is untreated about a third of women who have had children will have some stress incontinence when, for instance, playing tennis, when they are older.

The origins of the problem of incontinence after delivery lies in the damage done to the woman's pelvic floor during labour. The pelvic floor is an efficient shelf of muscles that supports the bladder, uterus. vagina, and rectum. During a difficult delivery the nerves to these muscles can be damaged and the resulting injury may cause lasting social inconvenience.

esearch workers at St Georges are now investigating the possibility which women have pelvic floors which are likely to suffer in labour. It is hoped that the research will make it possible to offer those who are at greatest risk during natural labour an alternative form of delivery, which will spare the nerves to the pelvic floor.

Mr Devinder Kumar, a rectum surgeon, and they see patients together while they decide on the best forms of treatment. Results in those patients who have needed surgery are most encouraging. Ninety per cent of the women overcome their incontinence and even 15 years later 80 per cent are still symptom-free and enjoying their tennis.

search study shows that many gynaecologists when pregnant opt for it without medical justification. In Mr Stanton's opinion this is partly the result anxiety over incontinence. He hopes that when all the research at St Georges is complete it will only be those who have a demonstrable risk of pelvic floor trouble who will choose to have surgery, and the rest will entrust them-

selves to the midwives.

Asthma at a

snail's pace

ASTHMA can be induced by a wide variety of agents.

One of the most common

is the housemite, a micro-

lives in the carpets, curtains

and blankets of most mod-

Recent research in Italy

induced by the housemite

may also suffer if they eat a hearty meal of snails. Care-

ful immunological studies have suggested that it is the housemite which

sensitises gourmets to snails.

Investigations have not shown that being allergic to

snails necessarily makes people sensitive to the housemite.

THE way to treat asthma is now being standardised in

number of deaths from acute

attacks is falling, although

the number of patients with

uing disaster has been high-lighted recently by chest

physicians. There has been doubt about the length of time the patient, who has had

a serious attack of asthma,

oral steroids prescribed to

should continue to take the

One source of contin-

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Damage done in labour can cause some mothers to have stress incontinence when playing tennis

Danger signs of violence in the disturbed



THE death of the Gray in Liverpool has already produced the predict-able demands that people who are exposed to life in

Britain's inner cities should have training in the best way to deal with a potentially violent person. Mr Gray's death coincided with a report in the British Medical Journal on the ways in which potential violence in former psychiatric patients may be predicted.

The study into violent former inpatients cost £4.5 million and was conducted in the United States. In the survey, the former patients, together with somebody with whom they were in frequent contact, usually a member of the family, was questioned every ten weeks about

any incidents.

The 1.000 patients, between the ages of 14 and 40, were studied for a year, and as well as talking to the patient, researchers also interviewed the police, and both police and hospital records were checked.

IT WAS found that when patients did relapse into violent behaviour it was usually within the first month after their discharge from hospital. Regardless of the mental disorder that had necessitated treatment originally, it was found that the tendency to violence was quadrupled by taking drugs or alcohol. Forty per cent of the patients studied, whatever their psychiatric disease, had a problem of drug or alcohol dependence.

The most obvious danger signs of trouble ahead in a former patient were an inability to settle back in the community, a restlessness with frequent changes of address, a history of having an impulsive character, and a tendency to have violent

Although the survey has not uncovered any dramatic new symptoms, which would lead those who are caring for discharged patients to expect a violent breakdown, it has emphasised and itemised the factors that often precede outbreaks of

Fears of botulism spread to nursery

the diagnosis of botulism has a sinister ring. The organism. Clostridium botulinum, was responsible for the production of the neurotoxin that paralysed the honey for babies nervous system after deep. contaminating wounds on the Western Front in the First World War. During the 1939-1945 war it became a cause of anxiety on the home front when tins of food, which had been hoarded, became contaminated if the meat or fish that they contained had been infected with Clostridium

Food poisoning in infants has led to a ban on In food-borne botulism, the

effects of damage to the central nervous system are preceded by vomiting, diarrhoea and severe abdominal pain. Botulism isn't confined to those serving in a battle zone, or those who have just eaten meat from a rusting tin. A famous outbreak occurred in Scotland during the 1920s

after duck pate had become infected. In 1978 there was another epidemic in Britain, which had been caused by contaminated tinned salmon. In America home-canned vegetables are the usual culorits behind an outbreak, whereas on the Continent it is sausage that are reviewed with criticism. The term botulism is derived from the Latin for a sausage, botulus, so it seems that even the advancing legionnaires had to contend with the problem.

Anxieties about botulism have now spread to the nursery. Usually food-borne botulism is related to the ingestion of toxins that have already been produced by the organism. However, in one group of children, infants under a year. the guts are capable of acting as a medium, which is suitable for the spores to germinate, after which the Clostridium botulinum multiplies until it colonises the gut. In these children, the attack isn't because they have ingested the toxin but is a consequence of the production of it in their guts, which is then absorbed.

nfant botulism is very rare, particularly in Britain but it is rather more common in America. In America a common cause of infant botulism is from spores that have been ingested with honey. As a consequence of the American cases, Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has written to all doctors to warn them of this unlikely hazard to infant life. Although there has been no proven case in Britain of honey causing infantile botulism it is a potentially serious (shealth risk.

Therefore the British Honey Importers and Packers Association have joined the Department of Health to issue a joint recommendation that babies under a year shouldn't be given any. Honey for tea might have been an admirable treat in Grantchester but in future any nanny will have to reserve it for her older children, and for adults, whose guts have matured and in whom the spores of Clostridium botulinum have no chance of surviving.



control it. Many doctors only give them for seven days, but the general view is that a 14-day course is not only more effective, but much saier in the long term. The British Thoracic As sociation is also expected to publish new recommendations on the treatment of asthma in the near future. It is predicted that they will sugest treatment of an acute attack of asthma with inhaled steroids should start with a high dosage, and thereafter be reduced once control of the attack is achieved. THE campaign to rid the country of measles, mumps and German measles (rubella), is proving to be very effective. Despite the success of the immunisation programme, Pulse magazine reports that the Department of Health still fears a possibility of a build-up in susceptible children between the ages of four and six, which could lead

Measles campaign

To prevent this from happening, an amended pro-gramme of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) is to start this autumn. Family doctors will be encouraged to give a second dose of MMR to preschool children of the appro-

priate age, not immunised in the campaign of 1994. Side effects from the injections are comparatively rare

and only occasionally have serious consequences been re-ported. On the other hand, measles can be lethal and frequently resulted in lasting disability. Mumps can cause lifelong infertility, and rubella was responsible for many foetal abnormalities.





'I'm spoilt and unbelievably lucky'

Nicholas Soames's life seems without shadow. Mary Riddell talks to the ultimate enthusiast

ot since Robbie Coltrane donned a habit and wimple to star in Nuns On The Run has there been a less likely postulant than Nicholas Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

We are ensconced in his elegant London town house to discuss those who shoulder arms for the realm, and the step from Armalite to Carmelite seems a large one. Mr Soames, who scarcely evokes the ascetic lifestyle, achieves the leap nimbly.

When I became a minister I dook vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, like a nun. f regard myself as a poor man." This is puzzling, particularly since we have just been running through a list of interests in which sackcloth looms less large than Jermyn Street tailoring. "My God, I enjoy life. 1 love foie gras, I love champagne, I love venison. I adore everything: food, music, parties, girls. You know.

But of course, I do know exactly what he means. Nothing in the hedonist's checklist overrides his devotion to duty. Indeed, Mr Soames has explained it so volubly that one begins – like a sock in a spin drier - to feel quite caught up in the whirl of his enthusiasm.

Viewers of the BBC's fivepart series Defence of the Realm, which continues tonight, may already have absorbed some of his fervour. Our Armed Forces are the Senchmark by which all other armed forces in the world judge themselves. Now that may sound like a paean of swank . . . " Rule one: when Mr Soames appears to be indulging in what he would describe as "showing orf", he is in fact doing nothing of the kind.

His is a bred-in-the-bone passion. His grandfather, Sir Winston Churchill, and his father were Secretaries of State for War, and, as he says: How could you not feel that sort of wine of military history flowing in your veins?"

On military matters, Mr Soames is unstoppable. Any deviation, however, provokes the sort of stare a scrupulous RSM might accord to a scuffed toecap. Even a minor diverprovokes much Birofiddling and foot-wriggling. Mention the Royal Family. and the open-ended Richter scale is likely to register tremors in SWI.

Mr Soames adores the

seven when he met his friend, the Prince of Wales, whom he later served as equerry. Now, the royal divorce over, he is livid about what he perceives as lasting harm inflicted by a voracious tabloid press.

"I do think it's done damage; huge damage. You can hack away at the roots of these institutions, and to pretend you are not damaging them is mindless idiocy." Here, you may think, Mr Soames is being a little disingenuous. given the carpeting he received from John Major after declaring, in the wake of the Princess of Wales's Panorama interview, that she was "in the advanced stages of paranoia". Does he now regret that?

> 'I enjoy life. I love foie gras, I love champagne, I love venison'

"Well, I very much regret the upset that it caused. I said it because I was very, very angry. I was intending to make a dignifed and sober response to what I thought was a tragedy unfurling before our eyes, and I lost my temper, which was unforgivable.

"I regret having caused a row, and of course it further exacerbated what was an already unhappy situation. I believe everyone in this country is entitled to privacy and a degree of respect. The Royal Family are flesh and blood. and what has been written about them wounds and hurts and is calculated to do so."

The divorce over, is Prince Charles a more contented man? "It's not for me to say. In your family, perhaps, and certainly in mine, these personal catastrophes happen and are matters of deep and lasting regret. When they happen in public they are the more traumatic and horrible."

While Mr Soames declines to compare his suffering with the anguish he has clearly observed in his friend, he has not been left unscathed. His first wife, Catherine Weatherall, left him for a ski instructor

with Princess Diana, her close ally, and Prince Charles. Mr Soames is now contentedly married to Serena and spends a great deal of time with his IIyear-old son, Harry.

"I cannot compare the traumas that the Royal Family have suffered to any in my own life. I have lived a wonderfully happy life, compared to almost everyone else I know in the whole world. I graze in very, very happy pastures." Besides, as he says, hastily dispelling the vision of contented ruminant: "I am here to talk about the defence of the realm. I don't mean to be

While never rude, he is overpoweringly, gushingly, magnificently forceful. Striding the deck of an aircraftcarrier, addressing the "lads" or the top brass, the image is that of a Blobbyesque Britannia, the bravura symbol of public service, military tradition and all that made Britain great. In a drawing-room the effect is more akin to sharing a lock-up garage with a tank. One can only console oneself that no interlocutor escapes the Soames friendly fire.

"I had a frightful row with Lady Thatcher the other day at luncheon party. She was banging on about the Germans, and - I have to tell you the Germans are our allies and our close, close friends."

uite, but what was Lady Thatcher actually saying? "I'm not going into it. Lady Thatcher and within this country deeply resent the Germans. Not to mention those within the Conservative Government.

"I regard the Europhobes" views as being damaging to the interests of our country, to the interests of our party and in every way to the interests of the nation. People's morale is bad because they're fed this crap in the papers about foreigners and Europe and anti-this and anti-that."

There is no point in underlining the fact that his boss. Michael Portillo, is not famous for his Europhilia, since Mr Soames is - on one level silkily diplomatic. ("I'll tell you one thing. Michael Portillo has got the best manners of any minister I have ever met. He's punctilious, immaculate. tidy-minded and scrupulously correct and polite. That matters, you know. It matters.")



Nicholas Soames: "When I became a minister I took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, like a nun. I regard myself as a poor man"

ners are unimpeachable, his tidiness of mind has on occasion seemed questionable. Did he, for instance, grossly misjudge and play down the problems of BSE during his time at Agriculture? He says he must declare an interest ("I am president of the Sussex Cattle Breed Society") and a lack of scientific expertise [1] failed my biology O level").

"No minister did anything without taking the advice of scientists. If you're asking whether I ever made a mistake, the answer is you could probably write a book of the mistakes I made. Have I made any mistakes on BSE? I hope not. I don't think so."

Again, on Gulf War Syndrome, Mr Soames's call for more research seemed inexcusably slow. Naturally, he demurs. "You are asking if I have any regrets. You make

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me very arrogant in saying I

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haven't." He wakes at five every morning and congratulates himself on his good fortune. "I think to be unemployed and bored would be unspeakable. I can't wait to get to my job and to come home to a loving wife and child. People will read this and say, 'How spoilt,' and I am very spoilt. I'm unbelievably lucky, but you have to live for the moment, because this

won't last for ever. "I would die for this job. Doing it has to be the greatest good fortune, other than eating fole gras to the sound of trumpets. No need to laugh. It's not original."

Besides, trumpets and foie gras take second place to the credo of duty: poverty, chastity, obedience. I am disappearing through the door when the Soames voice thunders down

"And don't dwell on the Royal Family. I have said too much. I always do," he says in the gloomy boom of one whose vocation, however ardent, could never quite stretch to a yow of silence.

• Part two of Defence of the Realm is on BBC1 tonight at 10pm.

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Does destiny's destination still matter?

Magnus Linklater says that Scots should care about their symbols of

nationhood — and where they lie t was, said John Major when he announced it, a

A symbolic gesture of the greatest significance. The return to Scotland of the Stone of Destiny from its ancient resting place beneath the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey would restore this "most ancient symbol of Scottish kingship ... to its historic homeland". The stone, he said, had a special place in the hearts of Scots". The reaction among the

Scots themselves was curiously flat. The Prime Minister's motives were subjected to some sceptical analysis; the odd political insult was traded; even the welcoming remarks came across in that rather dismissive Scottish manner which actually means: "What

took you so long?"
Still, as Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, said, it was an opportunity for the people themselves to express their views on where they wanted this emblem of Scottish nationhood to have its final resting place. He invited submissions. This week marks the deadline, and the Scottish

Office has been sifting through the answers. There has not, it seems, been an overwhelming response. Various worthy organisations have had their say, the odd peer of the realm has chipped in with suggestions, the Historiographer Royal has pronounced, and there has been a scattering of views, some

eccentric, some sensible, from private citizens

— but not that many. Compared to the hysteria that greeted its theft from Westminster Abbey in 1950, the reaction has been apathetic at best. For a piece of rock tinged with the blood of Scottish warriors down the ages, it has

been a definite anti-dimax. Perhaps we have lost faith in that swords have leapt from their scabbards to prevent the latest sacrilege, namely a plan to dig up the heart of Robert the Bruce from its burial place in Melrose Abbey. The idea is to test the lead casket in which it was interred to see whether it is authentic. Quite where

this will get us is unclear. I cannot help feeling that Sir James, the Black Douglas, who cut the heart from Bruce's body in 1329 and set off on a pilgrimage to take it to the Holy Land, would not have been best pleased. "Now pass thou onward as thou wert wont, and Douglas will follow or die!" he cried as he hurled the heart and its casket into the thick of the battle before being cut down by a Moorish army in Castile. He said nothing about wanting Historic Scotland to dig it up again once it

had been finally buried. Here again, I am afraid to report, anathy appears to hold sway, although we must watch the letters pages of The Scotsman, where Scottish swords are still occasionally

unsheathed. But if the symbols of past struggles no longer excite us, what does? For most people, the concept of kingship, which both stone and heart represent, has been drained of meaning, despite the Prime Minister's claims. Nationalists in Scotland are embar-rassed by it. Tories tiptoe gingerly around it; the fact that Labour is being asked by the Fabian Society to review the monarchy as "the last taboo", and to invite Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber to compose a new national anthem, suggests that it may no longer be taken seriously by the party which could form the next

All this would have troubled Walter Bagehot, who wrote that the constitution could hold the people together only if it contained two elements: First, those which excite and preserve the reverence of the population — the dignified parts, if I may so call them; and next the efficient parts those by which it, in fact, works and rules." It seems as if the dignified parts are in need of some attention, to say nothing of the efficient parts. So perhaps the whole edifice really may be crumbling at

A better explanation, however, is the one suggested by Sir David Steel, when Quite where he said that most digging up people in Scotland want not just the the heart of Robert the substance of the return of democratic Bruce from control". Mr Major's announce-Melrose ment, intended as Abbey will an acknowledgment of Scottish asget us pirations, was

is unclear

itical vacuum. A relic, wholly associated with the exercise of kingly power, was being returned to a nation which no longer exercises that power, or anything like it. Since it came unaccompanied by political change, it was widely seen as an empty gesture, not to say a piece of political opportunism.

dropped into a pol-

That does not mean, however, that it should simply be enored. The stone is tant, as any truly historic relic is, and its fate should excite interest, passion even. It is not just a king's seat, it represents the continuity of a nation, a memorial to its past, and an emblem for its future achievements.

The stone deserves a hallowed place, but one that is independent of religious factions. My own proposal is Edinburgh Castle, as others have suggested, but not the room where the Scottish regalia are stored. That is a tourist trap, stage-lit and shorn of Bagehot's "reverence" a sort of "crown jewels"

Instead, it should go to the great National War Memorial in the castle, a building dedicated not just to Scotland's war dead, but to all its people. It is not a chapel, but it has great dignity and an almost palpable sense of Scotland's martial past. Through its floor appears the living rock, and it is a physical part of the Palace

If destiny means anything, this is where the stone should be - almost literally linked to

Scotland's history.

As for Bruce's heart: leave it

Inner-city vicars like Father Gray are too valuable to be driven out by violence, says Robert Runcie

nglish people have only the most blurred notions of ecclesiastical structures of ecclesiastical siastical structures and titles; but they do generally recognise "the vicar" as "someone who does things on behalf of others". There is something affectionate about: "Hello, Vicar." There is something affirming about "Now we have a lady vicar". "Murder of a vicar outside his church" was a headline that deeply shocked us, touching off many an editorial or Thought for the Day.

There is a great deal of talk about "care in the community", but vicars are among the few people profession-ally concerned about it who actually live in their community. For understandable reasons, doctors, teachers, nurses, social workers tend to commute. The urban vicarage continues to be a sanctuary in a hostile world. If there is no one to fall back on, there is always the vicar. Here is rare continuity with the Benedictine traditions of stabilitas and hospitality which gave Christian life in this country its original shape. Stabilitas refers to the one who remains and who is there to serve a community. Hospitality reminds us of a central thrust of the Christian Gospel.

The idea is hard to sustain. It makes heavy demands, but it makes the vicar more accessible than those many public officials who can rarely be met face to face and then only by appointment and in office hours. I

Reflections on the death of a vicar

recall two visits I made in the 1980s: one to a mining village during the miners' strike and one to a deprived inner-city area in Liverpool. During both I was encouraged by the extraordinarily intimate connection between the vicar and the mixed bag of parishioners that I met. Here was the Church's ministry at its best: unpublicised, uncommented on, but exceedingly important. For it seems to me that beneath the surface of the most placid-seeming parish or district there is always a hidden ferment. Individuals and families are continually being threatened or uplifted. disappointed or delighted over matters which are of importance to them - from the birth of a child to the death of a parent, from a quartel with a neighbour to a promotion at work, from the onset or cure of illness to the

loss or finding of a job. Such personal matters are the very stuff and substance of human concern, and in the response of people to

them there is always (implicitly or explicitly) a slight shift in their religious attitude — a slight movement either towards or away from God. The vicar who is close enough to many of his parishioners to become aware of these points and times of sensitivity, and who is available and attentive when and where they occur, does a work of extreme importance. For it is widely believed (rightly or wrongly) that the attitude of a vicar is a living symbol — faint and imperfect but the only living symbol we have — of the attitude of God Himself. Therefore his presence and attentiveness, or his absence and seeming indifference, is likely to affect a person at a deep level at such times of acute sensitivity. The movement of a human soul or a whole human family towards or away from God may well be determined by the "minute particular" of whether the vicar calls or does not call on a parishioner who is gravely ill, wheth-

er he is accessible or not to an unhappy teenager or a proud parent. Much of the typical work of vicars is too particular to be the subject of general discussion and too intimate to be made known in books or journals or investigated by research students. So the names of outstanding vicars tend to be less well known than those who work in the academic field or become bishops. But the effect and influence of their work is. I dare to say, much deeper. For the attitude of most people to God is determined, for good or ill, not by general ideas or intellectual formulations, but by concrete signs and evidences of the

place yet sensitive situations. Increasingly, we look for people of character to undertake such a vocation. We look first for faith, and with it faithfulness, the capacity to go on when the going gets tough. We look for evidence of a life of prayer. because prayer is required of a vicar.

nearness of God in these common-

both to sustain the loneliness of the job and as a sign of the way he is pointing others. We look for commitment to people, to console the strong and the weak, the gifted and the deprived. We look for a willingness to live sacrificially: to choose the less attractive job, to make do with a not very appealing income, to work long hours without obvious reward. We look for those who can inspire without donuneering, whose model is that of the good shepherd rather than the successful graduate of the man-

agement training school.

We will grieve for Christopher

Gray and sympathise with his family and parish; but in time we may come to say: "He was a good man, but he should have been more streetwise." We may include in clergy training more attention to prudence in the inner city: get the Church Commissioners to look at the security of vicarages. That all sounds very

But we should be failing him if we did not attend to precious principles in our Christian heritage which belong to no one denomination, but which are being eroded or jettisoned or represented as inappropriate for a much better managed church, or a more vulnerable and quite fragile secular society.

Lord Runcie was Archbishop of Canterbury, 1980-91.

No EMU without a superstate

Once again, Europe should listen to Denmark: the single currency is about democracy

emocracy is the real European issue. As the German Constitutional Court has already found, the structures of the European Union are not in themselves democratic. Such democracy as exists in Europe is derived from the election of the 15 national governments, not from the European Parliament, which does not effectively control the Commission. let alone the Council of Ministers. The German Constitutional Court still holds itself to be superior to the European Court, in contrast to our House of Lords which accents a subordinate role; the German court has expressed its concern that constitutional developments in Europe could

requirement man iaw that Germany should be a democratic state. advantage of a written con-

stitution; in Britain our democracy can be eroded without effective appeal to the courts. Now the Danish Supreme Court has joined the German Constitutional Court in holding that the question of whether the Maastricht Treaty violates the national constitution is one that the Danish courts can consider. In 1994 a lower court refused to allow the case to be heard, but the Supreme Court has overruled them on appeal. Democracy is also a central issue in the public debate over the single currency. Obviously the single currency represents in itself a transfer of power from the national parliaments to the putative European Central Bank, which will be governed by nominated and unaccountable officials.

At present, national governments still have the power to determine monetary and exchange policy, except in so far as they or their national constitutions have handed that function over to an independent national central bank. In the case of Germany, the independence of the Bundesbank is guaranteed by the constitution and could be removed only if the constitution were changed. Under the single currency, European interest and exchange rates would cease to be under any democratic influence at all. The creation of an independent Euronean Central Bank implies that the individual democracies cannot be trusted with the value of money, but that

unelected officials can be. Repeated experience shows that monetary and budget policies only work when they work together. In post-war British financial history, there have been times when these come into conflict with the policies were at variance with each other. In

looser policy undermined one. Yet if the European Central Bank's control of the sin-

gle currency has to be supported by control over national budgets, that would mean the whole of economic policy would have to be transferred to the Bank. As public expenditure decisions underlie every other type of political decision including welfare, social services, defence and foreign policy - such a transfer would leave European democracy with hardly any power at all. In the August issue of the Gerrard & National Economic Review, Professor Tim Congdon lays down what he regards as the essential conditions for the success of a single

The EU can have a single currency if (I) it is prepared to make the changeover from a multiplicity of national legal tenders to a single Europeanday with (nearly) all prices and contracts redenominated immediately, and all redenominations complete within a few weeks; (2) all monetary policy levers are concentrated in the



Central Bank, which is the sole issuer of the new legal tender: (3) the nations of the EU surrender ultimate control of tax-ation and government expenditure to a new central government which has fiscal sovereignty over all of them; and (4) this new central government has the power and the resources - with expenditure probably running into many billions of Ecus/Euros - to compensate the private sector for losses from contractual upheaval and the costs of carrying out the currency

None of these propositions is non-controversial, though I find Professor Congdon's arguments for them very persuasive. If he is right, the choice before Europe is not whether to have a single currency, but whether to have a single

government. Beyond that, there is the question of how to establish a democratic basis for such a single government. Why does Professor Congdon think that you cannot separate a single government from a single currency? He argues that there is, in fact,

"no example in history of significant sovereign states sharing a single currency". He puts this down to what economists call "free rider" problems. Budget deficits and short-term financing would both put inflationary pressures on the European single currency. "The larger the budget deficit, the higher the proportion [the national governments can capture for the benefit of their own citizens without paying for it by taxation," he writes. "The higher the proportion of short-term monetary financing of the budget deficit, the cheaper the cost of debt service to

f there is one currency, but 15 governments, each of these governments will have a "free rider" temptation to adopt budget and financing policies which undermine the currency. Most German commentators have already seen this danger coming, partly because the German taxpayer would have to pay most of the cost. Whether

Germans, like Chancellor Kohl, want a federal union of Europe, or, like the Bundesbank, fear it, they all recognise the truth of this Congdon argument. A currency union will only work if there is political union, because monetary and fiscal policy are not divisible. There seem to be four pos-

sible solutions. The first, which has most support in Britain, is to accept the currency equivalent of the Reformation doctrine of cuius regio. cuius religio - one sovereignty, one religion. As there are 15 sovereignties, there should be 15 currencies, or 14 if you count the formally linked currencies of Belgium and Luxembourg as one. Probably the British will stick by this view, at least for the next few years.

The second choice is a single currency, but one that is initially confined to a small number of closely linked goverriments, presumably including Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and perhaps Austria. Under German leader-

ship, this inner core might for some years steam in convoy, with governments solving the "one currency, several govern-ments" problem by behaving as though they were one government although they were not. Eventually, this might well break down; it would be under pressure from the beginning, but it is not inconceivable as a temporary solution. It would not be democratic, as the real influence on economic policy would be the bureaucracies of the Commission, the Bank and

the core governments. The third choice is European democracy on the parliamentary model, making frank transfer of power from nationalparliaments to the European Parliament and creating a European government dependent on a parliamentary majority. The Commission would then become the civil service of this government and ministers, supported by a parliamentary majority, would replace the present Commissioners. The Council of Ministers might be transformed into some sort of Senate, but would lose its main powers.

The fourth choice would be to adopt the American model and directly elect the President of Europe, who would take over many of the powers of the Council of Ministers. He would dominate, or actually appoint, the Commission and would face the European Parliament and Court as a separate executive authority. These third and fourth choices would certainly require a new European Treaty, would be subject to referendums in many court tries, presumably including Britain, and would be challenged in the courts, above all in Germany and Denmark.

The two democratic choices might or might not be good for the people of Europe. They certainly go far beyond present state of public opinion in most European countries.

The probability is that the democratic deficit of the European Union will not be tackled, but that the single currency will be attempted by a small group of countries. That will make the shortfall of European democracy more obvious and more damaging. The trouble with Europe is that the people do not trust the bureaucrats, and the bureaucrats certainly do not trust the people.

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Stop press

its traditional print shop beneath the Grand Stand where scorecards have been produced using hand-set type for 70 years, despite protests from MCC members.

The first scorecard was printed at Lord's in 1848 from a tent and the present room was opened in 1926. But MCC has decided that, as part of the redevelopment of the Grand



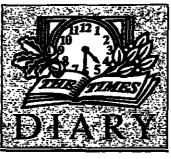
"Apparently they re dead easy to pass, failing them is far harder

ancient Letterpress will now be replaced by a desktop publishing Master printer Vince Miller,

who as the longest-serving employee at Lord's set in type the names of Cowdrey, Lake, May and Wardle in the 1950s, will retire at the end of the season along with his small team of assistants.

"it's very sad. The members have been up in arms," remarked Lieu-tenant-Colonel John Stephenson, who retired as secretary of MCC in 1993. "The old press is part of Lord's. I know one has to move with the times, but you have to think of tradition and that is what makes Lord's unique."

In a carefully-worded circular, seen by supporters of the print shop as a distinct no-ball, the MCC told members that its committee has decided "that a printing department will continue at Lord's producing a regularly updated scorecard. The Letterpress will also be retained." The circular fails to explain that the printing will be computerised and the Letterpress is destined to become an exhibit in the Lord's museum.



● This year's pilgrimage to Lourdes cannot have been the happiest for Frances Shand Kydd, colourful mother to the Princess of Wales. Her journey took her past an endless succession of posters promoting a French magazine. It promised lurid new revelations about her daughter's private life.

Rogue mail

LABOUR backbenchers are perhaps preparing too assiduously for a Tony Blair government. Paul Flynn, the trenchant MP for Newport W who wants cannabis egalised and the monarchy abolished, has mailed 250 colleagues with his suggestion of a 1996 committee of backbenchers along the lines of the Tories' 1922 Committee. Apparently covering all eventu-

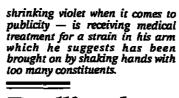
alities, he also sent one to Don Foster, Liberal Democrat MP for Bath. "I can't bear it. It's terrible," he grizzled. "I got the wrong Foster. It should have gone to Derek Foster, not Don. But one howler out of 250 isn't bad I suppose. Chris Patten once sent me a letter asking for money for the Conservative Party.
"The new committee may look like another Labour split but it really isn't about that."

County down

THOMAS HARDY'S Dorset is trying bitterly to repair its rustic image after being rejected as "too twee" by film-makers producing Jude based on his novel Jude The Obscure, which stars Kate Winslet. The British director, Michael Winterbottom, has chosen New Zealand and the Yorkshire Dales

as its setting. Too many powerlines, dual carriageways and television aerials and an absence of scope for "big shots" forced the film-makers to abandon hope of true Hardy country. "Dorset is not twee, it is rustic, and though we do have dual carriageways we don't have a motorway," bleats the tourism officer.

■ Barry Field, the bungee-jumping MP for the Isle of Wight — no



Duelling dons THE distinguished historian Lord Dacre has used a book review to

take a gratuitous swipe at his old enemy and fellow academic at Peterhouse, Cambridge, Maurice Cowling. Dacre, or Hugh Trevor-Roper,



Kate Winslet: a Hardy star

was Master of Peterhouse when Cowling, guru to Michael Portillo. historian of modern England and the college's most powerful don at the time, took against him for his whiggish outlook.

The feud has run for many years and the latest dig comes in Dacre's critique of Lady Antonia Fraser's The Gunpowder Plot in The Literary Review. Guy Fawkes, notes the naughty peer, had a Jesuit cousin, one Cowling, no doubt a sinister fellow. Cowling was not answering calls yesterday, doubtless preparing an acid retort. Dacre simply said: "What an interesting coincidence you have spotted."

Ex-parrot

A KEEN shot the Duke of West-minster but, by his own admission in next month's Field magazine, a trigger-happy peer. Recalling an "extraordinary right-and-left" on one shoot, he says he brought down

a parrot. It was dusk, and a magpie flew out of some gorse bushes. I shot it and then its mate flew out too. When my dog retrieved them, to my horror I saw this multicoloured bird ... It must have been an escapee."

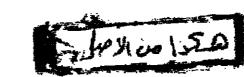
The ducal trauma appears to have been shortlived for he went on



The trigger-happy Duke

to score another tremendous doug? ble. "A low woodcock came towards me over the lake. I hit it with the first barrel and just as I did so I saw a salmon rising below the surface of the water, so I shot at it and a dog bowled past me and grabbed it by the end of the tail."

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PRIEST IN THE CITY

A death that demands engagement not retreat

The violent death of Father Christopher Gray has robbed Liverpool of a dedicated priest and the Church of England of a future leader. As with the murder of the London headmaster Philip Lawrence last year, a Christian who devoted his formidable antellectual talents and human gifts to the deprived has died at the hands of those he sought to save. Although it would be easy to despair. Father Gray's own example encourages a hope that the best answer to misery is not retreat but engagement.

The inspiration that took Father Gray from Oxford's cloisters to inner-city Liverpool was the Anglo-Catholic tradition of ministry to the poor. Christopher Gray trained for the priesthood at the College of the Resurrection, founded by a community that had moved from Oxford to Leeds specifically to take the Church to the inner cities. Their actions were driven by their theology. Anglo-Catholicism grew out of the Oxford Movement of the 1830s, which sought to rescue Anglicanism from the complacency into which it had sunk in the 18th century. The leaders of the movement. Wewman, Pusey and Keble wished to reacquaint a worldly Church with its spiritual roots.

Their teaching, particularly that of Pusey, affirmed the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The belief in the Incarnation, the truth of Christ made Man and present in bread and wine imbued Anglo-Catholic priests with a special concern for the physical as well as the spiritual well-being of their flock. That prompted a desire to bring Christ to the people neglected by an Anglicanism retreating to middle-class ghettoes. Priests were inspired, in the words of the Magdalen missioner Father Basil Jellicoe, by the vision that, "everyone is a blood relative of Christ the King".

That inspiration succeeded in drawing thousands of those the Anglo-Catholic Bishop Frank Weston called the "ragged, naked, oppressed and sweated" to Christ. When the great Anglo-Catholic priest Father Dolling died, after a lifetime dedicated to the poor of Portsmouth, some 20,000 parishioners followed his cortege. The congregation were attracted as much by faith as works. The ornate ritual of a church which treated even the lowliest as "prophets, priests and kings" recognised that religion need not be celebrated in an exclusively cerebral way. Anglo-Catholicism sought to satisfy physical, and spiritual, hunger and it succeeded in irrigating unpromising lands while the Sea of Faith elsewhere withdrew.

In our age, where fewer brilliant minds feel called to the Church and few of them to work in parishes such as Christopher Gray's, his vocation was exceptional. His death will cause some to question the wisdom of a mind so elevated and a man so monastic working in conditions so difficult. But Father Gray was in a proud tradition, and a far from forlorn one.

Writing in 1993 of what priesthood meant he invoked the example of Jesus washing his disciples' feet on the eve of his Passion and the idea of "humble labour for others, in obedience to the Father, and to the point of sacrificing one's own life". Father Gray sacrificed his life engaged in the humblest of labour but to the greatest of ends - the salvation of those most desperately in need. His sacrifice should inspire his countrymen. as he was inspired by the priests who went before him, never to turn in despair from those who reject what is right.

DOLE'S DREAM TEAM

Reasons to annoint Colin Powell in San Diego

Colin Powell gave a moving and important rech at the Republican National Convention on Monday. Since then Bob Dole has been sorely tempted to exploit the emotion and attention generated by that performance, break with precedent and offer him the post of Secretary of State. If he could be sure of success, it would be a skilful move in a so far skilful convention for the Republicans. He could, with profit, extend the idea to other choices for his Cabinet.

Any such process is subject to a peculiar egal complication: under American law a candidate may not name anyone to a post before his election. But the candidate is allowed to indicate that someone is their first choice for a job and he or she may then say whether or not they would accept the task if asked. The Republican nominee has frequently said that he admires the General and would like to see him in a Dole administration. General Powell returned the compliment on Monday by emphasising the degree that they had worked together in the past. There are some precedents. When Eisenhower pencilled in John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State in 1952 and George Bush chose James Baker in 1988, the selecif his were obvious in advance of the results.

The issue is not whether Mr Dole can give his blessing to General Powell but whether it is in his interests to do so. The move could smack of political desperation, appearing solely motivated by the General's huge popularity. But these risks could be outweighed by the quite convincing arguments in favour. The first is that Mr Dole prides himself on being a plain-spoken man. If he has already decided that General Powell

would be the best man for this role, he could boost his image of decisiveness by saying so.

The second is that whatever reservations Europeans may have about General Powell's extreme caution in foreign policy, he is well qualified to reinforce the Dole campaign's promise to restore competence and professionalism to the White House. It would reassure allies who may have been made nervous by Pat Buchanan's message of isolationism and protectionism during the Republican primary season.

Mr Dole has no reason to be the prisoner of precedence. Indeed given the appearance of a "New Dole" this month, with his uncharacteristically bold economic plan and his selection, in Jack Kemp, of an unexpected vice-presidential candidate, a further innovation would help to maintain the momentum of a previously dull campaign.

Of course Mr Dole is attracted by General Powell's popularity amongst voters. But there is a wider interest at stake. American government is not a one-man show. The quality of the American executive goes far beyond the presidency. It matters enormously who staffs an administration. In 1992 Bill Clinton ran on a centrist message but used racial, gender, and sexual orientation guidelines in constructing his team. He then manned the White House with Arkansas intimates and campaign aides many of whom were in their twenties. If this had been known in advance, Americans might have had second thoughts. One of the best reasons for a Dole presidency is the experience and competence of the people he would bring with him. He could gain further ground by reinforcing this message now.

FARFLUNG PHOENICIANS

Merchants with a neglected claim on our imagination

The Phoenicians were not only the most famous seafarers of ancient times; they also gave us our alphabet. They were not only once the Mediterranean's richest trading nation: they also gave us one of literature's greatest heroines. They and their offspring were dominant in southern Europe for a thousand years. But for all their efforts, and The all the admiration bestowed upon Queen Dido by poets and artists, they left little that is admired by posterity.

As our Madrid correspondent describes today, the Spanish have now uncovered a large Phoenician city at Cerro del Villar. near Malaga. It suggests a different story from the usual tales of passing barbarian traders. The site has straight streets, plazas and ample villas. It points to a sophisticated city life of which little had been imagined before. Maybe Cerro del Villar will bring new visitors and attract new attention to the Phoenicians. It would not be before time.

Sometimes a people can get on the wrong side of history and never recover. The Phoenicians were semitic people mocked by the Greeks for their greed. Their Carthaginian colony, founded by Dido in the story told in Virgil's Aeneid, became the object of rivalry and hatred among the Romans, particularly after the fright that Hannibal, their greatest general, gave Rome in the 3rd century BC. When great powers visited retribution upon the Phoenicians, it was notably merciless. Alexander the Great spared barely an inhabitant of Tyre; when the Romans destroyed Carthage, which trade had made the world's richest city, they sowed the very earth with salt. Because the Phoenicians were pagans, their reputation was never rescued by the Christian successors of Greece and Rome. Pejorative references to Levantine merchants have outlasted Phoenician Tyre and Sidon by centuries.

The Phoenicians still keep many of their secrets. It is known, for example, that with its rich silver deposits and shells yielding the coveted Tyrian purple dye, Spain contributed heavily to the Phoenicians' fabled wealth. But scant physical evidence of their presence survives, and it was commonly assumed that with the exception of Gedir, the Phoenician forerunner of Cadiz, they had built little more than trading posts there. Perhaps there will now come fresh curiosity about a civilisation which was already so skilled by the 10th century BC that it was contracted to build the Temple of Solomon, a civilisation to whose development of the North Semitic alphabet. adopted by the Greeks, we owe the origins of

our own written language. Merchants they were, the middlemen of history; but they were purveyors not merely of the spices of India, but of the spice of adventure. These were the fearless navigators who, when others were still hugging coastlines, first discovered and used the Pole Star, and who guarded the secrets of their trade routes, knowledge of currents and winds and discoveries as zealously as Renaissance Venetians were to keep the secrets of their glass factories. They framed the first known maritime laws and their great ships were the East Indiamen of the ancient world, credited by Herodotus with the first circumnavigation of Africa. Their borders, as Ezekiel wrote of Tyre, were figuratively as well as literally in the midst of the seas". To a still greater extent than the Vikings, Dutch or Portuguese after them. they left little mark on land. Their claim is

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Human life and modern medicine

From Sir Anthony Almeni

Sir, It seems to me, in the light of recent events - the abortion of a rwin, the destruction of frozen embryos, the possible birth of octuplets as the result of fertility treatment - that the branch of medicine I once practised is sliding away from its belief in unique human identity and dignity towards the expedient management of genetic material (letters. August 7, 10).

Though a so-called liberal gynaecologist who performed many abortions in my own career. I would strongly endorse the views expressed by Lord Habgood fletter, August 7). I would also suggest that the Human Fertilisanon and Embryology Authority has allowed itself to drift, in having failed to prevent the careless neglect of proper record-keeping or to accept respunsibility for excess embryos whose fate has caused such sadness.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY ALMENT (President, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 1978-81), Winston Flouse, Boughton, Northampton. August 14.

From Mrs Sara Starkey

Sir. Once again we have headlines over another miracle/horror of science. And so far it has been easiest to blame the woman herself. GPs or the

media. We, the public, are inconsistent in our attitudes. On the one hand we are horrified by the unnaturalness of modern medicine while, at the same time, putting vast sums into research charity coffers and, through our taxes, into universities and teaching hospitals. These funds go towards ever more esoteric research into all branches of medical science, including genetics and experiments designed to give every infertile woman the

opportunity to have a child. Apart from the fact most of these women won't conceive after many toxic and suspect procedures, those who do eventually give birth have a far higher chance of producing children with problems, from slow learning to quite horrendous illnesses.

By sad contrast, we have made little headway in overall health: indeed, according to the latest Government data (Living in Britain, General Household Survey 1994, HMSO, 1996) in every age group, particularly the young, the incidence of longstanding illnesses is rising. Perhaps the latest horror stories on what medicine is now capable of doing will act as a catalyst to rethinking whether this radical roller-coaster interventionist medicine is the panacea to all our ills.

Yours sincerely. SARA STARKEY, 13a Ashburnham Road. Tonbridge, Kent.

From the Reverend J. E. Abberton

Sir, I believe that Lord Habgood's moral reasoning is wrong. You simply cannot, logically, argue for any human rights at any stage unless there is first of all a right to reach that stage. You cannot abandon the rights of the embryo and then hope to rediscover human rights later on.

The word "viable" means able to live without the protection of the womb (did I say "protection"?): but no one in society can live alone - we all depend on each other, and newly born babies certainly rely on their mothers for on some other source of nourishment and care).

It is understandable that many will not wish to use the word "person" in regard to the human embryo; but it is undoubtedly human life and, if allowed to develop as either nature or God intends, it will become a person.

Yours faithfully. J. E. ABBERTON. St Peter's Presbytery. 65! Leeds Road. Bradford, West Yorkshire. August 7.

From Mr Andrew E. A. Selous

Sir. Is it not time that the law allowed GPs to prescribe fertility treatment only to married women with their husband's consent where the couple can support children? The commitment of marriage is the best place for a child, let alone several children born at the same time.

Furthermore, why should the publie fund treatment through their taxes that can lead to considerable cost to the public purse when the parents concerned are unable to support the children?

Yours faithfully, ANDREW E. A. SELOUS (Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Sunderland North). 52 Kyrle Road, SWII. August 13.

From Mr Rodney Parkins

Sir. You quote Miss Mandy Allwood as saying of her eight-baby pregnancy: "I want nature to take its course" (report. August 12). What a pity that she did not do so before accepting in-

Yours faithfully. RODNEY PARKINS. 8 Duval Drive, Rochester, Kent. August 13.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They

Whittle and the vision for invention

From Dr William Kingston

Sir, Your obituary of Sir Frank Whittle today notes that he debated whether he could afford the 55 to renew the patent for the jet engine, first filed at the Patent Office in 1930.

It was in fact worse than this. I received a letter from him in 1969 in which he said: "I allowed the master patent to lapse in 1935 because it then seemed unlikely that the invention would reach a commercial stage within the life of the patent; moreover, I could ill afford the renewal fees." He goes on to point out that his first financial backers, Falk and Parmers, never received a dividend and were even forced to sell their shares at par (allowing for inflation) in 1944, by Sir Stallord Cripps, then the Minister for Aircraft Production.

One might be allowed to speculate that, if Whittle had received full industrial and government support from the start, jet propulsion might have been as powerful a deterrent in the cause of peace as the atomic bomb was in the postwar period.

But Whittle was no salesman, and did not know his way around politics and bureaucracies as well as Watson-Watt did in the cause of radar. So the money (£4 million - a prodigious amount for research in the 1930s) went into the essentially defensive radar instead.

Another interesting twist to this story of failure to back innovation is that when Admiral "Jackie" Fisher was relegated to the Board of Invention in the First World War, he sent for Sir Charles Parsons, the inventor of the steam turbine, to try to get him to marry the turbine principle with in-

ternal combustion. Parsons replied that not only could he not do it, but that the task was intrinsically impossible. It was just this that Whittle achieved in 1930.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM KINGSTON. University of Dublin, School of Business Studies. Trinity College, Dublin 2. August 10.

From Professor G. D. W. Smith, FRS Sir, Your obituary for Sir Frank Whittle is an object lesson for all who are concerned with science policy in the United Kingdom. In my view, the saga of official neglect, failure to invest, and eventual handover of ideas to competitors, is still all too familiar.

At present, the Government and the Research Councils are exerting pressure on scientists to move towards more applied, short-term research which will be wealth-creating. The implications of this policy are that we are not already doing work of this kind. and that the blame for Britain's relative failure in recent years to compete with the rest of the world in high-technology industry can be laid at the door

of the scientific community.

The story of Frank Whittle shows there is little wrong with the quality. or the applicability, of our science. The problems lie downstream, with repeated failures of courage, vision, and investment by government, city and financial institutions, and industry.

Yours sincerely. **GEORGE SMITH** (Professor of Materials Science), Trinity College, Oxford. August 10.

Postal dispute

From Mr S. J. Casely

Sir, It is not the totality of services that Royal Mail offer that is the centre of this dispute (Mr Robin Rhoderick-Jones's letter, August 12), but rather the increasingly absurd methods that Royal Mail wish to introduce to increase profit.

The recent rise in postal charges was brought about by increasing government demands for revenue janother form of indirect taxation) and not by the business failing to deliver productivity or profit targets.

The union's point is that they have given Royal Mail a level of productivity and quality of service unheralded tion, and now wish rightly to share in the benefits. By any standard the postal workers do an outstanding job for wages and conditions that few would wish to accept. A five-day week is not unreasonable for those who start the working day at 5am.

Yours etc. S. J. CASELY, Flat 24. Merlin House. Central Avenue, Chatham, Kent. From the Managing Director of Royal Mail

Sir, All the opinion we have from customers is that, far from regarding a postal delivery every day as a "luxury" (letter, August 12), they value it as an essential service which they want to see maintained. Most of the country's 26 million addresses receive two deliveries a day, and many customers tell us they want both to continue.

Royal Mail aims to complete the first delivery to the vast majority of addresses by 9,30am (letter, August 13). The agreement recently arrived at with the Communication Workers Union negotiators through Acas is specifically designed to help us achieve that nationwide. This would ditions for postmen and women in recent history and pave the way for even

better service for our customers. The union's executive should follow the example of London Underground unions and ballot their members.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD DYKES. Managing Director. Headquarters, 148 Old Street, ECI. August 13.

Abolition of duty-free

From Mr Steven Burgess

Sir, George Brock is quite right to question the logic of maintaining duty-free ("This week in Europe", August 12). Its abolition within the single market makes sense and will not necessarily mark the end of a great tradition; for as long as we have a higher domestic duty on such products as beer, wine and spirits, we will continue to travel to the Continent for cheaper alcoholic drinks.

But, as a result of abolishing dutyfree, the forces of competition and consumer choice within the single market will, in the longer term, bring extra pressure to bear on the Chancellor to reduce the level of duty in this country. Such a development would surely he a good thing for the individual consumer and taxpayer and would enable the alcoholic drinks industry here to compete on a more level footing with our EU partners.

Yours sincerely, S. T. BURGESS, Top Flat, 34 Dymock Street, SW6. August 12.

From Mr Robert G. Parker-Eaton

Sir, As the executive committee representative for all UK airlines on the Duty Free Confederation, I can assure George Brock that airlines have not

been "begging government for years"

to release them from the need to carry "unnecessary duty-free alcohol in passenger lets".

Duty-free sales on aircraft (and at airports) not only provide customers with a quality service, but are a major source of income which helps keep ticket prices down. If duty-free shopping within the EU does end in 1999. Britannia Airways estimates that holiday prices will increase by around £15

Mr Brock also suggests that the income derived from duty and tax-free provides airports with a government ubsidy: but duty-free is only a subsidy if there is an actual loss to the UK

The Duty Free Confederation has strong reason to believe, and is currently undertaking research to prove. that there is in fact no loss to the exchequer from duty and tax-free sales. In fact, the converse is true - duty-free actually generates additional exchequer revenue and valuable employment. Contrary to some opinion, dutyfree sales will not, in the main, be replaced by tax-paid sales, to the detriment of producers such as the Scotch whisky industry.

Yours sincerely, ROBERT PARKER-EATON (Deputy Managing Director). Britannia Airways Ltd. Britannia House, London Luton Airport. Bedfordshire. August 13.

Content of alcohol

From Dr Julia Ellis Sir, Rosie Boycott's contribution to

your feature on addiction yesterday. "Why some people can't stop at a few drinks and a flutter", horrified me. She states that: "Alcohol itself is ether." I can assure her that it most certainly is not. Ethyl alcohol is found in alcoholic beverages and, in reasonable quantities, creates the harmless high that she discusses.

Ether is a volatile substance that vaporises readily at room temperature and in this state is highly explosive. It is also a powerful and unpleasant anaesthetic. Members of the public should not confuse the two, and must not attempt to smell, taste or handle ether in any way.

Yours faithfully, JULIA ELLIS (Nutritionist, Coeliac Research Unit). St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, SEI.

Britten statue

From Mrs A. M. Riley

Sir, "Britten is probably the greatest composer this country has ever produced." What a depressing thought! Mr Peter Shaffer (letter, August 9) might like to listen to Elgar.

Yours sincerely, A. M. RILEY, High Post, Parsons Lane. Crockerton, Warminster, Wiltshire.

From Mr Graham Wheeler

Sir. Perhaps the statue should be in London. After all, Britten is a national figure. Aldeburgh can hardly object they have had their say. What about the foyer of the new Sadlers Wells theatre (report and photograph, August 13) - the site where Peter Grimes was first given?

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM WHEELER. 67 Eastbury Road, Northwood, Middlesex. August 13.

Cast-iron design for a phone box

From Mr Bruce Martin, FRIBA

Sir, Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, asks for a competition for the design of a new telephone klosk of "really good contemporary design" (letter, August 13; see also leading article, August 14).

Such a competition was held in 1964. The K8 was chosen by the Post Office and the Royal Fine Art Commission, and about 25,000 were

It was a cast-iron red kiosk, virtually vandal-proof, could be easily assembled in 20 minutes, had seven panes of glass (instead of 72 in the traditional Ko which Lord St John praises in his letter), was easy to clean, well ventilated, properly illuminated and was a good, clean design. Sadly, very few remain, having been superceded by the current rash of irrational, ill-de-

siened boxes. There is no need for another competition: reinstate K8. It is now 30 years old — old enough, in fact, to be listed.

Yours etc. **BRUCE MARTIN** (Designer of the K8 kiosk), Bruce Martin Associates, The New Studio. Bury Green, Little Hadham, Ware. Hertfordshire. August 14.

From Professor D. E. Newland

Sir. The Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission wants to improve the design of telephone kiosks and suggests a national competition. I propose that this competition should include also the design of telecommuni-

cation masts.

These skeletal structures serve an important and useful function but can be very intrusive, especially when sited in beautiful countryside. When there are two masts of similar height but different design standing close together, the visual effect can be disas-

The objective of a competition should be to find the most pleasing aesthetic design, while seeking to minimise the number of masts needed. Cannot one elegant mast carry the

aerials for several operators? Lord St John says the traditional red telephone kiosk was designed with the help of the Royal Fine Art Commission. Rather than inviting BT and other telephone companies to hold their own design competition (as he suggests), cannot the RFAC take the lead in sponsoring a competition? I am sure that the relevant professional engineering institutions as well as the companies concerned would be willing to help administer this.

Yours sincerely, DAVID NEWLAND, University of Cambridge Department of Engineering. Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

Heart of the Bruce

From the Dean of Aberdeen and Orkney

Sir, It is indeed good that the heart of Robert the Bruce should receive a proper burial (report, August 13), but is Melrose Abbey the right place for

The Bruce himself changed his expressed desire that his heart be buried at Melrose. Should not his dying wish that it be buried in Jerusalem now be respected? After his death in 1329 the attempt to take his embalmed heart to the Holy Land foundered in Spain. but the journey could yet be com-

Now that Historic Scotland has be-gun excavations at Melrose to find the casket containing the heart and plans to rebury it "with a fitting ceremony". surely Saint Andrew's Church in Jerusalem, where a plaque set into the floor some sixty years ago commemorates King Robert's dying wish, is the proper place.

Yours faithfully. GERALD STRANRAER-MULL, The Rectory, Ellon, Aberdeenshire. August 13.

Irish famine ship From Mr F. G. Davis

Sir. Would it not be an imaginative gesture of reconciliation for the British Government to offer to match the Irish Government's contribution to the cost of the replica of the famine ship, Jeanie Johnston, now building in County Kerry (report and photograph. August 10)? And an equally imaginative gesture of forgiveness for

the organising committee to accept it? Yours faithfully, FRANK DAVIS, Stonelea, South Newington, Banbury, Oxfordshire. August 10.

Budget tip

From Mrs Kathleen Read

Sir, In view of the 1p increase on a first-class postage stamp, do you think the Chancellor could manage a further penny on the 25p per week extra allowance on the pensions of the overeighties? Many of us can still write.

Yours sincerely, KATHLEEN READ. 2 Windmill Cottages. Hilltop Breadsall, Derby. August 14.



COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE August 14: The Prince of Wales this morning arrived in Mljet, Croatia, for a day visit. His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Croatian Prime Minister (Dr Zlatko Matessa). this afternoon toured the National Park, Mljet, which in-

cluded a visit to the Island of St Mary's and a tour of the Monastery.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham this evening.

Lieutenant Commander John Lavery RN was in attendance.

70; Mr Oscar Peterson, jazz

Birthdays today

The Princess Royal celebrates her 46th birthday today. Lord Burnham, 65; Sir Charles Carter, former Vice-Chancellor, Lancaster University, 77; Mr David Coleman, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 57; Mr Edmund Dell, former MP. 75; Dr Hans Feibusch, mural painter, 98; Mr James Flecker, Headmaster, Ardingly College, 57; Dame Wendy Hiller, actress, 84; Miss Rita Hunter, soprano, 63; Lord Ingrow, 79; Mr Jack Lynch, former Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland, 79; Mr Edward McMillan-Scott, MEP, 47; Sir Patrick Nairne, former Master, St Catherine's College, Oxford, 75; Sir Kenneth Newman, former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 70; Major-General Kenneth Perkins.

pianist, 71; Mr Justice Popplewell, 69: Professor Sir Leon Radzinowicz, criminologist, 90: Lady Jean Rankin. former Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 91; Mr Martin Redmond, MP, 59; Professor Sir Michael Rutter, FRS, professor of child psychiatry, London University, 63; Viscount Selby, 54; Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Severne, former Captain of The Queen's Flight, 71; Captain Richard Smyly, racehorse trainer, 43; Lord Steyn, 64; Sir Stephen Turnim, former Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales, 66; the Hon William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, 50; Sir Kenneth Warren, aeronautical engineer, 70; Air Marshal Sir William Wratten, 57.

University news

Conferment of honorary title

The title of Honorary Profes-

sor in the School of Chemistry

has been conferred on Dr Jane

Helson of the Open Univer-

Professor Colin Cowan to the

Royal Academy of Engineering/Northern Telecom Re-

search Chair of Telecommunications Systems Engineering.

A graduate of the University of

Edinburgh, he was previously

Professor of Signal Processing and Head of the Department

of Electrical and Electronic

Engineering at Loughborough

University of Technology.

Lieutenancy of

Wiltshire

Deputy Lieutenants

Queen's University

of Belfast

Appointment

European **Engineers**

The following United Kingdom engineers have been awarded the qualification European Engineer by the European Federation of National Engineering Associ-ations (FEANI) entitling them to use the letters Eur Ing as a prefix to

Alltoft M J. Antoniou M. Argent-Hall D, Barratt R, Batte J, Billington R. Bramley M. Bushby B. Butlin T J. Chan A H C, Cheung C H. Cook A W. Cormack P. Dai J S. Daley M. Demetriou G, Downes M. Etherington J. Fairhurst A. Fox J, Gaunt M, Gigantesco G, Goodall P, Greaves E Š. Hall F R. Harrison J. Hason J. Hayati B, Hislop K P, Hobbs J, Hudson T, Johnson P W, Joseph M, Keen D, Kerry P J, Laws J T. Lee Shim J M. Maclean E, Manton C. Marshall V G, Meachen S, Michaelides G, Mills G. Mukerii P. Murdoch G. Odgers M. Orris K, Pearson S. Pozzi M, Raja V H. Rikker N, Ritson O. Roberts P, Roper M, Russell B M, Sagoo K.T. Schembri C. Seminara P. Smith J. Smith G. Su H C. Thornson G. Tucker G. Walton-Knight M P. Wardrop S A. Watkins I. Watson C, Watts D. Williams A. Wilson P, Wilson I. Mr Richard David Stratton. Gen-Wood D P, Wood A, Woodhead T, Yusuf O, Zheng X.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Blake, admiral, Bridgwater, Somerset, 1599; Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1769; Sir Walter Scott. novelist and poet. Edinburgh, 1771: Thomas de Quincy, writer, Manchester, 1785; James Keir Hardie, Chairman of the Independent Labour Party 1893-1900 and 1913-14, Lanark, 1856: Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, composer, London, 1875: Ethel Barrymore, actress, Philadelphia, 1879; Sir Montague Burton, multiple tailor, Sheffield, 1885: Thomas Mboya, statesman, Kenya,

DEATHS: Macbeth, King of Scotland 1040-57, killed. Lumphanan, Aberdeen, 1057; Paul Signac, painter, pioneer of Pointillism, Paris, 1935; Rene Magritte, surrealist painter, Brussels, 1967. The Tivoli Pleasure Gardens opened in Copenhagen, 1843.

eral Sir John Finlay Willasey Wilsey.

The Panama Canal was opened, 1914. The Marine Broadcasting Act came into force, outlawing pirate radio stations broadcasting within British territorial waters, 1967.

The three-day Woodstock Music and Art Fair began in upstate New York, 1969.



Children from the Yaa Asantewaa Carnival Group jump for joy in costumes depicting their theme for 1996 — Carib People — to celebrate the launch of the Lilt Notting Hill Carnival. This weekend there will be events at Olympia; the carnival weekend itself is on August 25 and 26

The Sovereign's Parade — RMA Sandhurst

General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie represented the Queen at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on August 9.

The following have been granted commissions in the Regiments and Corps shown, having successfully completed Commissioning Course No 953. The Sword of Honour was won by Junior Under Officer M.J.M. Clifton and The Queen's Medal was won by Officer Cadet J.M.H. Loden.

G. Alexander-Cooper, RGR, Eton College: B.M. Allen, R. Anglian, St Peter's HS Burnham-on-Crouch; C.J. Allen, RA, Trinity School, Croydon; M.C. Antelme, RHG/D, Doual School; J.R.G. Asbee, RLC, Reading Blue Coat School; T. Avey, REME. Heathfield School; N.D. Baker, R Signals, Chatham House GS; RJ. Baxter, REME. The Cotswold School; G.J. Bayliss, Staffords, Whitecross HS, Hereford; K.D.N. Beaumont, RLC. Hedingham CS: LJ. Bedford, PWRR, Steyning GS; O.M. Bedford, RHG/D, Harrow School: R.N. Bernhem-Parter, RA, Duke of York's RMS; G. Bianconi, RA, St George's York's RMS: G. Bianconi, RA. St George's College, Weybridge; LAJ. Brennan, RHG/D, Ampleforth College: M.W. Brett, RA, Repton School: A. Briggs, REME, Welbeck College; P.D.F. Briggs-Wilson, QRH, Dulwich College; A.N.S. Brown, RE, Tonbridge School; K.G. Brown, AGC (SPS) Riley HS, Hull: O.J.H. Bryant, WFR, Bromsgrove School; R.D. Bryce-Stafford, RS, George Watson College; PA. Buck, R Signals, Duke of York's RMS; A.E.S.D. Burke, RGJ, Winchester College; W.P.F. Bye, AGC (SPS), Friends' School, Great Ayton. C.E. Caie, R Signals, St Margaret's School, Edinburgh; A.J. Cameron, RTR, Leeds GS; H.C. Editiburgh; A.J. Cameron, RTR, Leeds GS; H.C. Cameron, RLC. Plumtree School. Zimbabwe: M.B. Canning, RRF. Warwick School; P.J. Carr, RDG. Eton College; Z.N. Catsaras, LG. Bradfield College; T.J. Cave-Gibbs, RLC. Perse School; J. Cay, WFR. Steyning GS; A.G.N.C. Chamberlin, LD. Harrow School; I.M. Chance, R. Anglian, Passmores School, Harlow; A. Charles, AGC (ETS), Richard Hale School; M.A. Charles, R.F. Roston, San. CS. Wetherber, M. Wetherber, M. Charles, R.F. Roston, San. Call. Wetherber, M. Wetherber, M. Catsaras, M. Catalana, M. Wetherber, M. Catalana, M. Wetherber, M. Catalana, M. Wetherber, M. Wetherber, M. Wetherber, M. Catalana, M. Wetherber, M. Wetherber, M. Catalana, M. Wetherber, M. Weth Cameron, RTR, Leeds GS: H.C Charles. AGC (ETS), Richard Hale School; M.A. Charles, RE, Boston Spa CS, Wetherby; N.D.B. Charlwood, R Anglian, St Columba's College, St Albans; J.A. Cheesman, RA, Highgane School; R.L. Clarke, R.L., Tapton School, Sheffield; M.A. Claxton, KOBR, St Olave's School, Orpington; M.J.M. Clifton, RDG, Eton College; W.D. Cockrell, AGC (PRO), Caludon Castle CS, Coventry; C.P. Coleman, Kings, Manchester GS; R.A.F. Coles, D and D. Malvern College; M.J. Collins, IG, Bristol GS. Kings, Manchester GS; R.A.F. Coles, D and D. Malvern College, M.J. Collins, IC, Bristol GS; M.J. Corner, R.LC. St Mary's School, Belfast; N.J. Copperwaite, PARA, Elizabeth College, Guernsey; M.D.S. Corbett, IG, Eton College, G.J.H. Cordle, Gren Gds, Sedbergh School; J.B. Cotton, KRH, Stamford School; M.A. Courage, L.D. Queen Elizabeth HS, Hesham; P.M.J. Cowell, DWR, The Royal Hospital School; A.T. Cox, HI,DRS, Inverurie Academy, Aberdeen; F.G. Crichton, Int Corps, St Bartholomew's School; N.S. Croft, 912 L. Sherborne School; N.S. Croft, 912 L. Sherborne School; School; N.S. Croft, 9/12 L. Sherborne School; C.J.B. Darby, R.L.C. St. Leonard's Mayfield Convent; W.H.L. Davies, Scots Dg. Harrow School; A.K. Davis, RA, St. James' School For Boys; P. De Rouffignac, RAMC, Welbeck

College: R.P. Dening-Smitherman, RTR. Framlingham College: C. Derbyshire. RA. Welbeck College: M.A. Dingle, R Anglian, City of Norwich School: A.S.J. Douglas, KOSB, King's School, Bruton; J.J.M. Driscoll, PWRR, Company School, Bruton; J.J.M. Driscoll, PWRR, Company School, PWRR, Compan

J.G. Elliot-Square. Gren Gds. Harrow School; H.D.L. Elliott. Coldm Gds, The King's School, Worcester; S.R. Fawcett, PARA. Royal GS. Newcastle: A.G.L. Fernnell, R. Signals. The Ridgeway School, Swindon; G. Fewson, Int Corps. Baines CS. Poulton-Le-Fylde: M.J.D. Finlay, AAC, Radley College: O.S. Finnie, R. Signals, Budmouth School, Weymouth; M.R. Firth, QLR. Sponne School, Towcester: R.H. Forbes, RA. Bristol GS; R.D. Foy, RA. St Aiden's HS, Blackpool; N.H.A. Francis-McGann, R. Signals, John Fisher School, Purley; T.F. Frankel, AAC. John Fisher School, Purley: T.F. Frankel, AAC. Centre International de Valhon: J.M. Fryer, PWO, Hymer's College, Hull: J.P. Garton, RA. Queen Elizabeth Hospital School; E.J. Geston, REME, Westwood HS, Leek; L.W.G. Given. R. REME, Westwood HS, Leek; L.W.G. Given. R Irish, Antrim GS; A.J. Glass, RE, Lord Howard Of Effingham: T.R. Gould, R.L.C. Ysgol Gyfon Gwyr School: F. Gourlay, R.L.C. Welbeck College; J. Green. KOBR, Durham School: N.J. Haden, R. Anglian, Marling School, Stroud; K. Haigh, R.L.C. King James HS, Huddersfield; A.C. Hairsine, REME. Uppingham School: B.D. Halksworth, REME, Welbeck College: J.K.A. Harding, AGC (ETS), Reading School: E.C.N. Harris, RWF. Stamford School; G.R. Harris, WG, Oundle School: I.D. Hastings, RGJ. Falcon. College. Bulawaye: P.M. Harris, WG, Oundle School; I.D. Hastings, RGJ, Falcon College, Bulawayo; P.M. Hayhurst, AAC. Stonyhurst College: T.D. Heath, R Signals, Stamford School; J.K. High, PWRR, Christ's Hospital School, Horsham; E.C. Hill, RWF, Knox GS, Sydney, Australia: K.J. Holloway, AGC (ETS), Southway School, Plymouth; E.M.N. Holme, RHF, Sherborne rymouti; E.M.N. Holme, RHF, Sheroorie School; D.W. Holmes, Kings, Merchant Tay-lor's School, Crosby; N.R. Holmes, D and D, Churchill School, Bristol; R.C.D.T. Holtby, Gren Gds, Stowe School; M.A. Hood, RLC. Gren Gds, Stowe School; M.A. Hood, R.L., Windsor School, Rheindahlen; A.N. Hoperaft, R. Signals, The Portsmouth GS; S.C. Hope, R.C. Abbeylands School, Addlestone; R.G. Horner, R.G.B.W.R. Wycliffe College; DPS Hoy, R.G.R. The Skinners' School; C. Humm, PARA, Borden GS. Sittingbourne; K.M. Hurley, A.G.C (ETS), Lady Mary School, Cardiff; A.J. Huston, Int Corps, Duke of York's R.M.S; G.B. Ingram, R. Signals, Royal School, Dungannon.

P. James, RA. Trent College, G.S.D. Johnson, REME, Welbeck College, T.J. Jolliffe, RA. Shiplake College: A.E.O. Jones, RRW, Chosen Hill School, Gloucester, W.R. Keford, RGR, Canford School; T.W. W.R. Keford, RGR, Canford School; T.W. Kelynack, R.L.C. Angmering School, Little-hampton; A.F. Kennaway, QRH. Downside School; A.P. Knights, RE, The Royal Latin GS; B.H. Lambert, R Signals, The Atherley School; R.J. Laverty, R Irish, Royal Belfast Institution: A.J. Lawson, R.L.C. Canon Lee School, York: J.F.B. Leeper, R.L.C. King's College School, Wimbledon: M.R. Lewin, REME. Testwood School, Totton; G.C. Light, IG, Eastbourne College: M.G. Lissauer, Coldm Gds, Oundle School; J.W. Little, AGC (SPS), The Havel, Berlin; S.A. Livy, AGC (ETS), Beaconsfield HS; J.M.H. Loden, PARA, Worth Abbey; M.P.S.

Luckyn-Malone, RHF, Ampleforth College; J.O.
Lyuns, RWF, Bishop's Stortford College; J.D.
MacDougall, RS, Wellington College; C.S.
MacGregor, KRH, Brighton College; S.P.
Maggs, QRH, Dulwich College; R.E. Maloney,
A.AC, Pates GS, Cheltenham; G.D.B. Martin,
RDG, Bembridge School; J.R. Martin, PWRR,
Marlborough, College; L.E. Maskell, RF AAC. Pates GS. Chehtenham; G.D.B. Martin. RDG, Bembridge School; J.R. Martin. PWRR. Marlborough College; J.E. Maskell. RE. Monkton Combe School; G.A. Maund, KOBR. Shrewsbury School; R.J. Mawer. AAC, Norwich School; C.J. McInnye, Q.R. Williamwood HS. Glasgow; L.R. McKenzie, RE, Welbeck College: B.C. McMaster, HLDRS. Millburn Academy. Inverness; C.R. McHurst-Cocksworth. RTR. The Judd School, Maidstone; M.J.F. Middleditch, RLC, Lord Wandsworth College: C.R. Miles, A and SH, Pierrepont School: Frensham; S.N. Miles, RA, Hereford Cathedral School; M.J. Moore. RA. Blake School. Bridgwater; M.J. Moutarde, Q.R. Welbeck College: S.J. Mulically, RA. Repton School: P.G. Newson. R Signals, King James' School: N.E. Ord, BW, Wellington College: P.A. Organ. RLC. Brimsham Green School: C. Palmer. LD. Wreake College: Z.E.C. Parkes, RA, Dorchester Castlefield School: R.A.H. Peasgood, LG. Harrow School: A.J. Pelan, RLC, Bancrofts School: N.C.L. Perry KRH, Ampleforth College. B.E. Petrie. A and SH. Rannoch School, Pilochry. A.J. Poulain, WG. Lancing College: M.E. Powell. R Signals, Plymouth College: S.A.M. Pringle, RTR, Cranbrook School: A.C. Quantrell, R Irish, Seaford College.

R. Rae, REME. Glasgow Academy; N.M. Record, Int Corps. Mount St Marys College: PS Reehal, RLC. Oswestry School: M.A. Richards. PARA, Wellington College: N.S. Richardson, Staffords. Adam's GS. Newport; J.H. Ridge, RE, Bristol GS: A.R.F. Roan, A and SH, Lenzie Academy. Lenzie; C.D. Roberts, R Signals, Bernbridge School: L.M. Ro ts, RLC, Antrim GS: Robertson, RDG, Malvern College: S. Robin-son, RE, St. Robert Of Newminster; S.W. Rosenfeld, R Irish, Methodist College, Belfast: J.A.E. Rous, Coldm Gds. Harrow School; M.A. Rowlands, AGC (ETS), Whitland GS; E.K. Rowlands, AGC (ETS), Whitland GS; E.K. Roylance, AGC (PRO), Frodsham HS; G.M. Rundle, AAC, Court Moor School, Fleet; A.P. Samsonoff, Ll. Berkhamsted School; M.J. Sargent, RA, King's School, Gloucester; C.W.D. Scott, AAC, St Edward's School, Oxford; E.J. Seymour, RE, Crossley Heath GS; EG Sharpe, RA, St John's School, Leatherhead; D.B. Simmons, PWRR, St Lawrence College; J.J.G. Smith, QRH, Allhallows School; P.C.R. Smith, RGJ, Christ's Hospital School; P.C.R. Smith, R Signals; International School, Stavanger; R.J. Snape-Johnson, RA, St Brendan's VI Form Coll: C.M.D. Stanley-Smith, KRH, Eton College. Snape-Johnson, RA, St Brendan's VI Form Coll: C.M.D. Stanley-Smith, KRH, Eton College; A.J.R. Stead, R Signals. Narrabundah College, Aus; D. R. Stevens, REME, Portadown College; S.J. Stevenson, R.L.C. West Bridgford School; A.G. Tait, KOSB, King Edward's School, Bath; D.P. Talbot, RE, St Aelreds RC HS, Newton Le Willows: P.D. Tapp, RA, Northampton School for Boys; A.R. Taylor, RA, Dundee HS; J.W. Taylor, RRF, King's School, Tynemouth; M. Taylor, RE, St Edmund's School, Portsmouth: M.G. Taylor, RLC, Barnard Castle School; P.R. M.G. Taylor, RLC. Barnard Castle School: P.R. Taylor, REME. The Ward Freeman School: B.F.S. Terry, Green Howards, Doual School; J.A. Thome, RTR, Norwich School; C.H. Thrower, RLC, Godolphin School; G.H. Tilson.

RLC, Foyle and Londonderry C; J. Tingle, RLC, Bristol Cathedral School; G.R. Triplow, DWR, Loughborough GS: AC Turpin, Scots Dg, Sutton Valence School, Maidstone: M.P.M. Walker, KOBR, King's School, Worcester; P.J. Wallace, RE, Bolton School; A.J. Ward, AGC (ETS), Neston HS, Neston; S.J.R. Watkins, RLC, Whitechurch HS, Cardiff; N.C. Webber, RA, Radle; College; A.F. West, RAMC, Reigate GS: S.P. Wilcockson, AAC, Old Swinford Hospital; M.I.N. Wilkinson, RLC, Bedford Modern School; R.P. Wilkinson, AGC (SPS), Ponteland HS, Newcastle upon Tyne; K.H. Williams, RLC, Victoria College, Belfast; J. Wilson, RA, Preston HS, Newcastle upon Tyne, K.H. Williams, RIC. Victoria College, Belfast: J. Wilson, RA, Preston CS, Yeovil: R.A. Wilson, R Signals, Coleraine Academic Institute: M.J. Wong, R Signals, St Dunstan's College, Chester, J.M.H. Woolmer, AAC, Sedbergh School; A.P. Young, RA, Welbeck College, P.C. Young, R Signals, Larne GS; T.T. Youngman Sullivan, Gren Gds, Larymer Upper School.

Overseas cadets

The following overseas cadets also passed out with a view to being commissioned in the Armed Forces of their countries. The winner of the Overseas Cane was Officer Cadet Prabin-Nepal:

Bahrain: Sheikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Ahmed bin Isa Al

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Mr R.J. Bassett and Miss A.G.A. Storey The engagement is announced between Richard, second son of Mr and Mrs James Bassett, of Mr and County of the Columbia. Victoria, British Columbia, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Storey, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

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Latest wills

The Dowager Countess o Donoughmore, of High Coodham, Symington, Ayrshire, left estate valued at £155,267 net. (4) left her estate mostly to relatives. Sir Peter Watkin Williams, former High Court judge and Chief Jus-tice of Malawi, of Stockland, Honiton, Devon, left estate valued

at £243,199 net. He left £500 to the British Heart Foundation, £100 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr Desmond (Christopher)
Shawe-Taylor, a former chief
music critic of The Sunday Times,
of Long Crichel, Wimbome, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,287,243

Sir Thomas Padmore, former Private Secretary to the Chancellor nent Secretary Transport (1962-68), and Hon Treasurer of the Institute of Cancer Research (1973-81), of Highgate, London, left estate valued at E754.068 net.

Sir Kenneth Robinson, former Chief of the Arts Council of Great Britain (1972-82), Minister for Health, Minister for Planning and Land, Minister for Housing and Local Government, Director of Social Policy, Chairman of British Steel Corporation, Chairman of English National Opera, Cl Highgate, London, left estate Valued at £407.475 net.

Sir Neil Lawson, former High Court Judge, of Hampstead, London, left estate valued at £693,184 net.

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He left £20,000 to the Musicians' Benevolent Fund: £30,000 to the Royal Free Hospital for the benefit of the sisters, nurses, junior doctors' mess and the medical auxiliaries: £50,000 to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; £25,000 to each of the following: Actionaid, Cafod, Care, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children, SOS Sahel, UNICEF.

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Rose Nicholson.
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and St John, a daughter
Alexandra Maria Côtes. HEEM - On July 31st 1996, to Emma (née Robbins) and Charles, a daughter, Aunabe Cherlotte, a sister for Henry casmotte, a sister for Henry Ackert-Esteral - On Joh Sist 1996, in Barcalome, ri Graciela and Kevin, a daughter, Elsa Winthrop, a sister for Alfred. sister for Alfred.

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Jacqueline (née Page) and
William, a son, Edmand
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BIRTHS VADDE.OVE - On August 9th to Annie (née Dean) and Jake, a son, Joshua Thomas

WEALE - On 11th August, to Rebecca (née Bonner-Morgan) and 51mon, a beautiful daughter, Saekia Clarice. **DEATHS**

AMMLFY - Pam, widow of Steve, died suddenly but peacefully 12th August. Funeral Service St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, 1 pm Friday 16th August. No flowers but any domations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c'o E. Carter & Son, Rottingdean, Sussex.

u Madiaffer - Nezhet on 12th August 1996 peacefully at home.

BENNETT - Edith of Norbury, Staffordshire, formerly of Horsham, Sale and Cidham, on 11th Angest 1996, deathy loved mother of Shells and Peter. Enquiries to [R. Williams F/D tel: (01630) 654490.

MEHOF - On August 12th at Mount Vernon Hospital after a short illness. Inten wife of the late Walter on her 92nd Birthday. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Pulsetel Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Enistip on Monday August 19th at 2.30 pm (East Chapet). Family flowers only but donastions to Paul Stricklend Scanner Appeal of T.A. Ellement & Son Let., 21 Bridge Street, Planer HAS 3HE.

DEATHS BOWEM - Cicely Frances Anna, peacefully in her 100th year, widow of Comdr. H.T. Bowen and much loved mother of Anthony and Myles on 13th Angust 1996 at Woking. A private cremation will take place on Angust 19th to be followed by a service of thanksgiring at St John the Baptist Church, Moulsford, Oron on Angust 22nd at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to the HRIB at 224 Grast Fortland Street, London WILAMERICA AND CO. Transfer

CHAMBERIARE - On Teesday
13th August 1996 Dr. Arthur
Chamberlain died peacefully
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The Newbury and District
Cancer Care Treat c/o St
Mary's Surgery, St Mary's
Boad, Newbury.

CHRISTOPHER - Sarah Ann died pescefully at Squeaks House, Southminster, Essex, at the age of 98. Funtral at Chelmsford Crematorium 2.15 pm 16th Angust. COUPS - Michael Gerard, suddenly on 12th August, dearly beloved husband of Marjory, father of Matthew, Martin and Jonathau. Requiem Mess at St Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church, Bourne End, Thursday 22nd August at 1230 pm.

COMTIS - David G. On Saturday 10th August 1996 suddenly, much loved father and triend of jo and Barry, fear friend to Stacey and Gooff and Paul and Pennia, will be sadly missed. Funeral Service Lewisham Commanday 20th Sarvice Lewisham
Crematorium, Tuesday 20th
August 1996 10 am.
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DEATHS FRASER - On August 10th
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Peter Basil aged 75. Dearly
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HEARN - On August 10th 1996, peacefully after a short Hiness, aged 81 years, Margaret Devidson, M.R.E. (née Lessels) of Radlett, Hertz., widow of Charles Edmund Hearn, billed in action in January 1944. Pusseal Service Wednesday 21st August at West Hatts Crematorium, Gerston at 1.45 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to The Gendenger Royal Benevolant Society c/o Chas. A Nethercott & Son Ltd., 20 Aldenham Road, Radlett, Hertz.

HOLMES - Helen Martin (nde Ridsd) on 10th August 1996 peacefully in Eastbourne General Hospital aged 36 years. Widow of the Inte Lt. Col. Pt. Holmes. She will be missed by her family and her many frieuds. Funeral Service on 20th August at St. Leonard's Farish Church, Leonard's Farish Church, Seaford, E Susaex at 11 am. Enquiries to Bennetts Funeral Service, Seaford (01323) 490077.

DEATHS JAKOBI - Dr. Julius on August
13th peacewilly at home in
his 97th year. Beloved
husband of Bella, much
loved father of Stephen and
Julian and stepfather of
Peter and Tony Susamann
and beloved grandfather to
11 grandchildren. Funeral
Service today, Thursday
15th August at 11 am in
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RUMG - On 13th August 1996
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Fergassan, aged 90. Pomeral
at Warriston Crematorium
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on Tuesday 20th August at

William Furres Funeral William Purves Funeral Directors, tels (0.131) 447 5858.

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PAMETH - On August 2nd 1996 Bra died peacefully after a long filmess aged 51 years. Cremation has taken pince privately. Donations if desired to Orfam c/o Post, 6. Mount Vernon, London 1993 6QS.

DEATHS ERRY - Carolene Richards, or Honday 12th Angust 199 wife of Rupat, mother of Graham, Perri, Alexis an Christopher, grandmother of Sally and Emil. At peace with

SMITH - Pat. On August 13th 1996, passed away at The Trinity Hospice, London, aged 62 years, Long sarving secretary at The House of Commons to Sir Eldon Griffiths MP, Richard Spring MP, and the late Lord Margadala Beloved sister of Christine and her family. Primeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium, (East Chapel). Stag Lane, Putney Vale, London on Tuesday 20th August at 12 noon. Facual trinity Bospice, may be sent of Christopher Stringer Funeral Services, 67, High Street, Rottingdam, East Sussex, RNZ 7HE, Tel. (01273) 306000.

Frewart - On Sth August in hospital aged 54 years John (Barfly) of Gateshead, Allerdene. Funeral Service and crumation at Saltwell Crematorium on Thursday 22nd August at 11 am. Would friends and relatives please meet at the crematorium. Donations in lisu of flowers if desired to West 18, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Sheriffs Hill, Gateshead, Tyne & Wenr. STIRLING - On 9th August 1996, James Gunn, husband of Pamela and father of Andrew.

DEATHS TURNEER - Christopher Charles, beloved husband of Christine and dearly loved son of Peggy. On 9th August 1996 aged 60 at Cheisea and Westminster Eospital. Private Funeral, Memorial Service at St Marry The Boltons, Loudon 5W10 on Wednesday September 4th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, 206 High Street, Bromley, Kent or London Appeals, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 61 Lincoln's Im Fields, London WC2A 3FZ.

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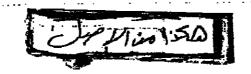
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Silver Fame, but he later won

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While out exercising his hors-

es on the beach at Bognor

Regis in March 1948 he had a

bad fall while jumping from

the sea wall, and broke a leg.

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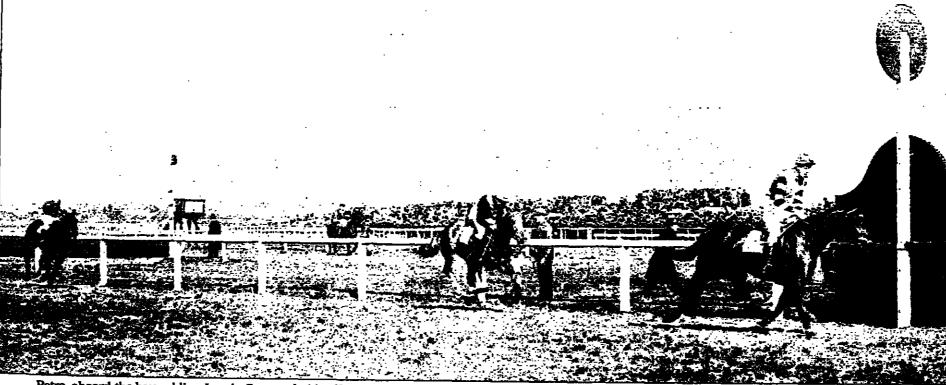
CAPTAIN BOBBY PETRE

Captain Bobby Petre, winner of the 1946 Grand National died on August 3 aged 84. He was born in London on February 15. 1912

n a Britain groaning under postwar austerity a crowd of 400,000 racegoers put aside their tribulations and turned up at Aintree on May 5, 1946, to watch Bobby Petre romp home in the Grand National on the 25-1 outsider Lovely Cottage. It was a colossal attendance, of a kind unimaginable in these days when the minutiae of the world's last great cavalry charge can more easily be appreciated on television. But the crowd, relaxing in the bright sunshine, certainly had their money's worth, as an amateur rider strode to victory in what was the first Grand National to be run after the end of the Second World

The favourite, the 3-1 shot Prince Regent, was well beaten into third place that day. But this did not detract from the enjoyment of the crowd, who revelled in the neck-andneck duel almost all the way to the line, as Lovely Cottage held off the second placed horse, the 100-1 chance Jack Finlay.

With such a dramatic entry into postwar steeplechasing, to add to a reputation as the most accomplished amateur rider of the 1930s. Petre seemed to have golden opportunities ahead of him, when he turned professional shortly afterwards. But within two years his riding career was in ruins. First, a severe injury in 1948



Petre, aboard the bay gelding Lovely Cottage, holds off Jack Finlay to win the 1946 Grand National, with the favourite, Prince Regent, far away in third place

prevented him from riding competitively again. Then his training licence was withdrawn when one of his horses failed a dope test. Thereafter his career was in farming, not

on the Turf. Robert Charles Petre was born in Mayfair, the son of an army officer, and educated at Harrow and Sandhurst. There he was a near contemporary of Fulke Walwyn, who was as an amateur rider to win the 1936 Grand National before embarking on a great career as a National Hunt trainer.

Petre very soon made his mark in point-to-points, and then in National Hunt racing in the 1930s in what was to be a golden age for amateur riders. His first winner under Naiional Hunt rules was in 1930 on his father's mare Hero Lass at Wincanton in 1930. Very

soon he was establishing himself among the leading ama-teur riders of his day, becoming joint champion in 1937-38 and sole champion the following year. His most famous victory in that period was on St George in the 1938 National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham, then regarded as the amateur Grand National.

A regular officer in the Scots Guards, he served as a captain throughout the Second World War, in the disastrous Norwegian campaign of 1940, and subsequently in Italy from 1943 onwards.

After demobilisation he applied himself again to his racing career and soon forged a partnership with the bay gelding Lovely Cottage, which was owned by J. Morant and trained by Tommy Rayson in

Hampshire. Their first outing together was not particularly suspicious; the horse fell at Wincanton. But it later won at Taunton, a performance which qualified it for an ousider's - though not a rank outsider's — starting price of 25-1 for the eagerly-expected

first postwar Grand National. The event attracted a record crowd and is regarded as being one of the most dramatic examples of this always heroic steeplechase. The hot favourite. Prince Regent, led for most of the way and was at least 20

lengths clear of the rest of the field as he jumped the last-butone fence from home. At that stage his backers were counting their money and the bookies' brows were furrowed. Prince Regent was still in front when he jumped the last, but by this time he was beginning to tire under the 12st 5lb he

With a 25lb weight advantage. Lovely Cottage and Bobby Petre took up the running, surging past the favourite. But

was carrying, and his rivals

were beginning to take closer

riding career. To compound his misfortunes, shortly afterwards, a previous misdemeanour came home to roost. In the January 1948 meeting at Plumpton he had pulled up in the Cooksbridge Handicap Hurdle on Bray Star, from whom saliva and sweat samples were subsequently required, in May that year, after a stewards' enquiry, it was established that a stimulant had been administered to Bray

> National Hunt Committee. It was the end of any direct association with the Turf Thereafter Petre's career was in agricultural estate management, though he continued to ride and hunt in Hampshire. He was for a number of years active in the Country Land-owners' Association. But he was eventually allowed back onto the racecourse; in 1985 at Liverpool he and other surviving Grand National winning jockeys each received a trophy

Star and Petre's training li

cence was withdrawn by the

from the Princess Royal. working at Tunworth, Hamp-shire. He rode in the 1947 Grand National, falling on Petre married, in 1934, Marie Delphine Chichester and they had three children.

JOHN LANIGAN

John Lanigan, Australian-born operatic tenor, died on August 1 aged 75. He was born on January 7, 1921.

DURING a quarter of a intury at Covent Garden in which he sang more than 80 roles, the tenor John Lanigan made a valuable and distinguished contribution to British operatic life. Had he, as he once half-seriously wished. been "born with all voice and no brain", he might have enjoyed a more spectacular and glamorous career. As it was, the lifestyle and methods of the jet-setting international star held little appeal for him; he came instead to epitomise the kind of versaule, dedicated and unpretentious artist on whom opera companies can depend.

in the 1950s Lanigan concentrated on lyric roles, to which his ardent, stylish tenor and youthful good looks were well suited. Later he moved on to character parts, excelling especially as Mime and as Shuisky, the scheming boyar in Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov. He also created roles in ome of the most important ew operas to be premiered in Britain during his career, from Tippett's The Midsummer Marriage in 1955, to Hans Werner Henze's We Come to the River in 1976.

John Lanigan was born in Victoria, Australia. His mother sang operetta, and his father was a keen amateur

tenor. After studies in Melbourne Lanigan made his way, via Italy, to London. making his debut at the Stoll Theatre in 1949 as Fenton in Verdi's Falstaff and Rodolfo in La Bohème. He first sang at the Royal Opera House in 1951, as Thaddeus in Balfe's The Bohemian Girl, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. Later that year he joined the resident Covent Garden Company, making his debut as the Duke in Rigoletto.

He remained with the company for 25 years. A natural team player, he relished those early years: "When I first ioined there was a much more integrated performance," he said in an interview in 1973. e olont nave many Gig or Gobbis, but they were good singers. I've never seen such teamwork." In his first decade at Covent

Garden his roles included Tamino, Alfredo, Pinkerton. Des Grieux (Manon), Jenik, Almaviva and Laca (in Covent Garden's first production of Janaček's Jenufa, when his performance was hailed as an admirable portrait of one of opera's most veracious and complex characters"). His Cassio in Verdi's Otello was acclaimed by the editor of Opera magazine as "the best sung interpretation of the part I have ever heard".

In the 1960s Lanigan's reluctance to pursue an international career at the expense of family life, combined with a bout of serious nasal trouble



Lanigan with Adele Leigh in The Midsummer Marriage, Covent Garden, 1955

that eventually required surgery, led him to turn from what he called the young lover parts" to the development of character roles. His outstanding portrayal

of Mussorgsky's devious prince ("one of the best Shuiskys there can ever have was committed to record in 1964, with Andre Cluytens conducting and Boris Christoff singing the roles of Boris, Pimen and Varlaam. Lanigan also recorded the Rector in Peter Grimes and Dr Caius in Falstaff. As a memorable Mime he made some of his rare foreign appearances, performing the role in New York and Chicago.

Enthusiasm for the challenges of contemporary music was a constant of Lanigan's career, and he sang in nearly all the important postwar

British operas (The Knot Garden and Billy Budd were almost the only notable exceptions). The unctuous Rector was one of several Britten roles in his repertoire, some of which he shared with Peter Péars at Covent Garden: he was Flute in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Essex in Gloriana and Sir Philip in Owen Wingrave. He also sang Pandarus in Walton's Troilus

Among the roles he created were Jack in Tippett's The Midsummer Marriage (1955), Hermes in the same composer's King Priam (1962), Jones in Richard Rodney Bennett's Victory (1970), the Cardi-nal/Archbishop in Maxwell Davies's Taverner (1972, the composer's first major operatwork) and the Soldier/ Madman in Henze's sprawling, controversial We Come to the River (1976).

and Cressida.

Lanigan gave his last performance at the Royal Opera House in 1981. After retirement, he moved to Canada. He is survived by his wife and a son, who works at Covent Garden.

RICHARD GOODWIN

Richard Goodwin, economist, died on August 6 aged 83. He was born on February 24, 1913.

RICHARD GOODWIN was an economist of distinction and originality, who taught at the universities of Harvard. Cambridge and Siena. He was also a talented painter and the artistic side of him found this last posting particularly

congenial. Richard Murphey Goodwin was born in Indiana into a family of upper middle-class farmers and small merchants. But there were two professional artists as well, and this had a considerable influence on he claimed, began only when he came to Harvard in 1930, where he in due course graduated summa cum laude in Economics. He then went to St John's College, Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar to read PPE. In 1937 he returned to Harvard with a BLitt and he completed his PhD in 1941. He then taught at Harvard until the early 1950s when he left for Cambridge where he settled. He was a Reader in Economics and a Fellow of Peterhouse.

On retirement from Cambridge in 1980 he moved to Siena, where he was appointed a professor at the university. This was an inspired decision, since it led to an astonishing ten years of fruitful research and to a legacy of students who had been inspired by him, and are now well on the way in establishing their own reputations.

In economics Goodwin published relatively rarely, but what he did publish will endure. Perhaps his most outstanding piece was a non-linear model of fluctuations where, with great elegance and originality, he incorporated some famous ideas of his teacher Schumpeter into a flexible accelerator mechanism. This work was very influential and led to much further research. His originality is well exemplified in his paper in the Dobb Festschrift. where he applied the Volterra equations of predator-prey cy-cles to an economic model of

oscillations. While no doubt something of a parable, rather than a description, it was fascinating and very suggestive, and the ideas have been taken up by others.

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pursued by Jack Finlay who

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proved too strong for Jack Finlay and their four-length

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Soon afterwards. Petre

turned professional, and also

took out a trainer's licence,

starters finished the race.

In Siena, mathematical progress in non-linear dynamics and chaos theory reignited Goodwin's abiding interest in dynamics. He published a number of books on economic fluctuations, where the new mathematics was fruitfully applied. These books are notable for a number of interesting (and beautiful) computer sim-

Goodwin's other great inter-



est was in linear economics, and early on he published a very interesting paper on the "matrix multiplier", which was in the spirit of another of his Harvard mentors, Leontief. Later he was drawn into the controversies occasioned by Sraffa's work, but never followed the more absurd turns in this debate. He wrote a textbook largely on this topic, but it was much closer to von Neuman's famous contribution than to the "Neo-Ricardians". His interest in the Ricardian revival in his technical work no doubt owed something to the belief that Marxian value theory could be given rigorous expression. But all of this theoretical work in economics has the mark of a careful, fastidious and imaginative mind, and his Festschrift, to which many economists contributed, testifies to the esteem in which he

In the 1930s Goodwin, like so many others, joined the Communist Party. It is diffi-cult to believe that this sceptical man of aristocratic temperament ever found this company congenial, and it is certain that he was driven by a sense of duty and perhaps some despair at the state of the world. He left the party during the war, but this did not stop him from being pursued by Senator McCarthy. He re-mained on the Left all his life. although he hated political activity and had to drive

himself to participate in it.

But economics was at most half of Goodwin's life, the other was painting. He exhibited both here and in the ties of economics both in Cambridge and Siena own some notable examples. There are also many pieces in private collections, and it is clear that he had the makings of artistic distinction. Although happiest when painting, his other interests and obligations prevented him from devoting himself fully to that pursuit. Indeed he was somewhat torn between economics and painting, and he believed that this prevented him from really giving his best to either.

As an economist, he was too modest in his views. He was, quite correctly, judged by others to be of outstanding ability. His early work on the supply of money, and on Indian development, also showed that he was not just a theorist.

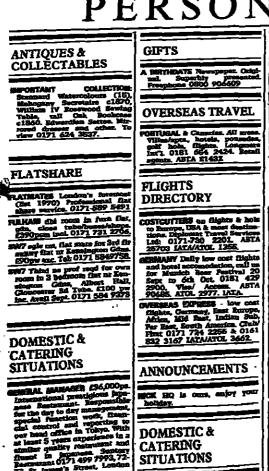
Goodwin was wine steward of his college. He loved beautiful cars and beautiful clothes Italy and India (where until recently he went to paint in the summers). In Siena he himself was loved not only by colleagues but by many others. including the owners of the best restaurant, which he often frequented and where his photograph is prominently on display. His courtesy, charm and distinguished appearance invited admiration. In the University of Siena there is now a Richard Goodwin seminar room with a number of his fine paintings on the wall. He is survived by his wife

Jacqueline, a graduate of Somerville; there were no children.

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ON THIS DAY

August 15, 1798

The word piracy is not usually associated with the river that flows through the heart of our capital.

to Deptford on both tides, and continue on duty from ten at night until five in the morning never have (except in two instances) met a suspicious character, or detected any offender. Previous to this institution, numbers of criminal characters were accustomed to ply upon the River after dark, and great dangers were often to be appreheneded from river pirates and nightly plunderers, and perhaps, too, from incendiaries, against whose criminal and treasonable designs the River Thames was perhaps never better protected than at the present moment.

The Emperor of Russia directs a consid-

erable share of his attention to the regulation of dress, not only with respect to his own subjects, but to all foreigners who visit Russia, and who are equally obliged to comply with the prescribed costume. The prohibition of round hats, pantaloons, neck-handkerchiefs, halfboots, shoe-strings etc. is strictly enforced; and several English Factors, Merchants, and Captains of vessels, who lately arrived at Petersburgh, were absolutely prevented from going abroad, until they could decorate themselves according to the new fashion. As business of urgence made it necessary for some of them to wait immediately upon their correspondents, they were indulged at the request of our Ambassador, with the permission of going abroad, with the express exception, however, of only appearing in round hats or pantaloons, until they could be completely dressed in the Imperial style.

Ferry starts next year's price war

for 1997 has begun, with one operator offering the same rock-bottom fares as this

Sea France is selling return crossings for as low as £79 per car and up to five occupants this summer and guarantees purchasers the same fare next year. Standard returns for £95 on the Dover-Calais route

The French-owned company, which only started service under a new name in January, has pledged to match any lower fare next year. "We are determined to lead the way in the battle of the cross-Channel fares. Even if prices are lowered next year then the customer can't lose," says Robin Wilkins, the man-

aging director.
This attempt to keep customers reflects the pressure smaller companies are under

Today Stena introduces the biggest ship seen out of Dover, the Stena Empereur, capable of carrying 2,000 passengers and 550 cars. The company now runs four ferries and two catamarans on the route to Calais, which accounts for 80 per cent of cross-Channel

In the first six months of this year, Sally Ferries lost 25 per cent of its passengers on the two routes from Ramsgate, while Sea France carried just 8 per cent of ferry passengers and less than 5 per cent of all

facelift

BY MARTIN SYMINGTON

PLANS have been unveiled to

turn the Algarve resort of

Vilamoura into Europe's largest leisure complex. The £400

million project is to be com-

pleted over 20 years, accord-

ing to André Jordan, chair-

man of Groupo André Jordan.

which three months ago ac-

quired a 38 per cent stake in

Two golf courses are to be

added to the existing three:

6.000 villas and low-rise

apartments are to be built,

taking the total tourist capaci-ty from the current 35,000 to

57,000. There are also plans to

landscape 200 acres with lakes

and canals to create a nature

park, themed on marine life.

Other developments include

an equestrian centre and a

7,000-capacity sports and en-

tertainments arena. Work is

expected to begin in January

1997. Top of the list is the first

golf course, which former US

Masters' champion Bernhard Langer has been commis-

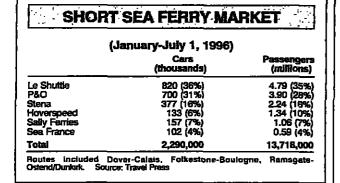
A CHANNEL ferry price war traffic, including Eurotunnel. The company was in partnership with Stena until the beginning of the year. But Bill Laidlaw. Sea

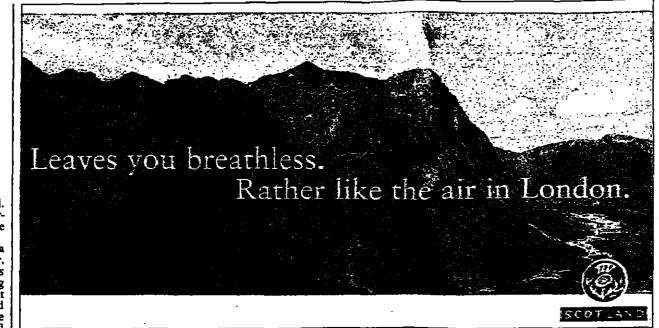
France operations director, says: "We have made progress every month and are looking for between 12 and 14 per cent of the ferry market by the end of the year. The way things are going, people are waiting until he last minute to make bookings. For a new company not known in the UK we are not doing too badly."

The exception among smaller operators has been Hovercent of the market in the face of competition from P&O. Stena and Eurotunnel's Le Shuttle service. The numbers have been largely buoyed by the booze-cruise, shopping and day-trip market. While Hoverspeed carried 1.34 milroutes in the first six months of this year, it took only 133,000 cars. The industry normally works on four passengers to a

Le Shuttle has taken one third of the car and passenger market, with the biggest loser - in terms of numbers being P&O European Ferries. The company has lost 16 per cent of passengers on Dover-Calais. But with the Government allowing P&O to talk to rivals about possible co-operation, the line-up of competitors

is unlikely to remain the same





Oxygen of publicity: Scottish Tourist Board poster aimed specifically at harassed commuters in the South East

Scotland in bid to make capital gains

being exploited by Scotland to persuade tourists to turn their backs on the capital and head for the clean air of the hills and glens that lie north of the

Thousands of posters will be put up today in Underground and mainline railway stations telling commuters that "Scotland leaves you breathless rather like the air in London".

The £185,000 poster campaign is part of a £1.5 million drive designed to boost still further Scotland's tourism industry which is wooing record numbers of holidaymakers from the South East.

This no-holds-barred marketing ploy has infuriated the London Tourist Board. "It is unfortunate that the Scottish Tourist Board advertising campaign seems couched in competitive terms," said Paul Hopper, managing director of

"If you want a choice of 100 theatres, 125 cinemas and 11,000 pubs, clubs and restaurants, you will have to come to London. However, if a quiet sunset over the mountains is

half the price of similar breaks Scotland is definitely the in England.

Ryanair is offering a return flight from Stansted to Glas-

gow Prestwick from £49 with

onward rail travel anywhere

in Scotland for an extra £5.

The limited number of seats

must be booked seven days in

advance and are not available

fering two London to Glasgow tickets for the price of one: £29.

farmhouse costs from £13 a

from £27 a night per person. Historic properties, includ-ing Edinburgh and Stirling

castles, are staying open long-er and the Autumn Gold

promotion provides two ad-

missions to any Scottish Nat-

ional Trust property for the

Although most of the esti-mated five million British

visitors to Scotland each year

make their own arrange-

ments, a typical three-night

package including return air

travel, car hire and dinner,

price of one.

night or a room in a castle

InterCity West Coast is of-

Bed and breakfast in a

on Fridays or Sundays.

Scottish tourism leaders were unrepentant. places as diverse as Scotland and London ought to be able to coexist," said the Scottish Tourist Board. "The fact is. though, that the environment is different in London than in Scotland. All we are doing is

trying to point out that the quality of life is different and, with a certain amount of irony and levity, that Scotland is affordable, accessible and different." The idea behind the campaign is to convince commut-

ers crammed into crowded trains to make a spur-of-themoment decision to spend a few days in Scotland, especially in the autumn. The attempt to extend the holiday season into the autumn was first tried last year

with the launch of an Autumn Gold brochure. It proved so successful that this year it is being extended with many parts of the industry combining to offer package deals which, the STB claims, can be

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

opened up many long distance

destinations that were almost

The full extent of the drop in

price was discovered by

Thomson researchers who

were trawling through old

brochures in their head office.

"At first sight the prices in 1977 appeared low — but when

you then took account of

inflation it suddenly became

apparent just how cheap they now are," says Gloria Ward

who carried out the research.

A 14-night package to the

Hotel Santa Lucia in Majorca

in May 1977, for example, cost

£131, the equivalent of £435

today. Yet in the 1997 brochure

the same holiday is £389.

Seven nights in the Materada

Hotel, Croatia - then a fav-

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mer peak, £425 in today's

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untouched in 1977.

£185 a person. Tourism to Scotland declined in the early part of this decade, and in 1995 there was a fall of 8 per cent in the amount being spent. Last year this was reversed, with a 7 per cent

English visitors to Scotland spent an estimated £800 million in 1995 - 11 per cent more than the previous year - and tourists from the South East brought in £300 million of that. Hollywood films such as Rob Roy, Braveheart and Loch Ness are also believed to have helped stimulate interest in Scottish holidays in the

past two years.
Rain in Scotland is less likely in October and November than in July and August. The 30-year average rainfall in Edinburgh is 48mm in October compared with 79mm in August. Shetland has seven minutes' more daylight than London at the beginning of October, visibility can be as much as 35 miles in the autumn and the midge - the creature which has put off more visitors than any tourist campaign has attracted - dies

US train routes cut

By QUENTIN LETTS

AN AMERICAN version of the Beeching cuts to passenger train services has been announced, with 12 per cent of the US rail network affected and some of the most evocative routes through the old Wild West likely to be closed. Amtrak, the national train operator, says that shortage of

federal government funds will force it to close three major routes in November. The threatened closure will deprive 42 towns and cities of passenger train services.

Casualties will include the Pioneer run between Denver and Seattle, named after the frontiersmen for whom trains were a lifeline during the westward conquest in the 19th century. The wonderfully named Desert Wind express. connecting Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, will vanish, as will the Texas Eagle between St Louis and San Antonio.

Tom Downs, president of Amurak, left open the possibili-ty of a reprieve but said it was ninety-nine to one that these cuts will take place". The lines are losing money and their axing will allow for an increase in services on betterpatronised lines. Amtrak has a \$200 million (£133 million) budget deficit and faces a \$50

million reduction in support. Texas will be particularly badly hit. Eleven cities, including Austin. Dallas, Fort Worth and Mineola, will lose their passenger services. So will President Clinton's political base. Linle Rock, Arkansas. The cuts will represent the biggest reduction in rail service since 1979, when the Carter Administration made sharp cutbacks in a network that once criss-crossed America. The mournful clanking belt of approaching trains is

seldom heard in many parts of the US, where the car and the plane have come to rule. Maintaining the miles of track across the continent played havoc with the economics of train travel, and passengers appeared to have less taste for communal voyaging than their European

and Asian cousins. Amtrak, which has strug-gled to keep down organised labour costs and could not shake off a downmarket, doddery image, was also undone by its failure to keep to timetables. The public perception was unfair - trains arg comfortable, the staff genial, and the vistas formidable but passenger numbers remained disappointing.

Even before news of the cuts, railway enthusiasts were dispirited after Amtrak did away with some of the roman-tic names of its trains. Names such as The Senator and the Connecticut Yankee were replaced with "product lines and numbers". The Connecticut Yankee, connecting Massachusetts to Washington, became the Northeast Direct 142.

Visitor boom in confident Canada

By JOHN YOUNG

AIR Canada's announcement that it is to operate daily flights to Calgary and Edmonton this winter, as against five a week last year, is evidence of the rising popularity of Canada as a winter sports destination. In three years the numbers of British skiers travelling to Banff and Lake Louise in Alberta and to Whistler in British Columbia: has leapt from hundreds to more than 20,000.

Return fares from £439 may appear steep, but several wellknown operators, including Crystal and Inghams, are offering competitive packages. Thanks to the relative weakness of the Canadian dollar, prices of hotels, meals, lifts and ski hire compare favourably with Europe. The season is generally longer, snow conditions more reliable, and in a straw poll last January British visitors commended the friendliness of the locals, the absence of lan-

guage difficulties and not being "ripped off". With the summer tourist

trade also booming, the number of UK visitors rose last year by nearly 12 per cent (compared with a fall of 3 per cent to the United States), and this year the Canadian Tourism Commission is predicting more than 650,000.

Confidence is evidenced by Canadian Pacific's £650 million programme to extend its 26 hotels, which include such famous landmarks as the Banff Springs and Chateau Lake Louise in the Rockies, the Empress in Victoria, Brit ish Columbia, the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City and the Royal York in Toronto.

"Six or seven years ago our landmark hotels were frankly tired and living on their past reputation," says John Pye, the company's eastern region-al president. "But we are determined they should again be seen at their very best.

Risk in the skies

ALMOST every day an airlin-er flying over Britain strays out of its assigned flight level, risking a mid-air collision. according to a new report by the Civil Aviation Authority. Harvey Elliott writes.

A safety survey of "level violations" in UK airspace during 1994 revealed that 235 aircraft strayed from the altitude they were assigned by ground controllers. The two main causes of the incidents most of which took place when the aircraft were climbing between 3,000 and 12,000 feet - were pilot error or equipment malfunction.

Nearly 70 per cent of the violations involved foreign pilots and the survey calculated that 11 of the 235 reported incidents was caused by pilot language difficulties". Twenty-two were regarded as "prox-imity hazards" and five were assessed as causing a real risk of collision.

Easily the main factor was aircrew not complying with air traffic control instructions. with altimeter setting errors, mishandling and call sign confusion all high on the list of reasons for the height "bust".

The survey has confirmed and reinforced the growing concern about these potentially hazardous occurences, especially as the majority occur in congested airspace where there is a greater chance of a mid-air collision" says the report. It urges all airlines to introduce "a standard, systematic flight-deck altitude awareness safety campaign" because, it says, procedures are not always complied with.



Algarve | Credit hitch | Packages now cost for hotel users

By DAVID CHURCHILL

BUSINESS travellers who use their credit cards as a guarantee when checking into hotels are warned that some international hotel chains are debiting "significant" amounts to their cards to cover the cost of the room and other charges even when guests plan to settle their accounts by other means. This can unknowingly leave travel-

lers with little spare plastic credit for the rest of their trip. The warning has come from the Guild of Business Travel Agents. Philip Carlisle, the Guild's chief executive, says the issue has been raised by a number of executives. "One executive was unable to hire a car when in America because the card's limit had been reached in this way, even though in theory he had plenty of credit left," he says. "Amounts can be debited to the card account even when the hotel bill is paid by other means, and this can

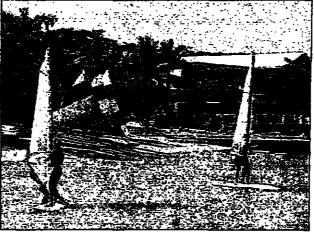
render the card unusable for the remainder of a trip."

with Visa. Mastercard and other credit cards which have a fixed limit. Charge cards such as American Express and Diners Club have no preset limit. Hotels run a credit check with guests' credit cards on check-in to ensure that the room bill is covered.

The Guild, however, wants hotels to advise customers, when they are taking a card imprint, of the guarantee amount that will be set against it. It also wants hotels to ensure that the amount is cleared from the credit card account immediately the cus-tomers settles the bill.

☐ British Airways has linked up with Diners Club to launch a personal charge card offering Air Miles for most expenditure using the card. BA/ Diners Club card holders will belong to BA's Executive Club and, in addition to a 300 Miles bonus on joining and a further bonus later on, will receive one Air Mile for every £5 spent on BA flights and one Mile for every £10 on other expenditure.

less than in 1977 PACKAGE holiday prices have tumbled by almost half in the past 20 years. The dramatic fall, in real terms, of the cost of taking a foreign holiday has led to four times as many package tourists heading abroad by air and



Jamaica: what was the equivalent of £1,425 is now £1,069

half board, or £1,425 now: the price today is £1,069 inclusive. The main reason for the drop, especially in long-haul travel, has been the introduction of charter aircraft on the popular routes. "Anyone can go to Australia for under E600 now, which was unthinkable 20 years ago," says Ms Ward. Anyone who has not booked for this summer, however, will find little still available and what there is will be at the full price.

Lunn Poly yesterday had a seven-night Airtours self-catering holiday to Majorca on August 23 for £379 and there is a seven-night Horizon selfcatering holiday at Los Gigantes, Tenerife, from Stansted on September 4. for £244.

Last year operators were desperate to sell thousands of unsold holidays at the last moment. This year there are fewer available - and customers have to be quick. A colleague saw on Teletext a week's self-catering holiday in Majorca for £239 and rang immediately.

"I've just sold it", the telephonist said. "You're going to have to move faster than that!"

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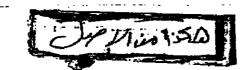
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It's safer than they think

told, are sending British holidaymakers to hotels that are potential death traps. This is apparently "a scandal" and the question that urgently needs answering is: "How many people must be maimed or killed before tour operators will take their responsibilities seriously?" What a load of boloney.

the Consumers' Associexistence on its ability to frighten nervous people into believing that anything they do or buy is dangerous and that the world is out to do them down, is yet again pedaling scare stories.

In the latest issue of Holiday Which?, the association claims to have found serious safety flaws in swimming pools, fire precautions, children's play areas. lifts and balconies in tourist accommolation in Turkey and Gran anaria. Many of the hotels, it gi avely states, failed even the safety standards of their own conjuntry.

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tive. About 13 million people ta a package tour holiday every year. In 1995, 56 of them died while abroad. But 34 of these deaths were in traffic accidents and 12 were drownings in the sea. None of these coluid, therefore, reasonably be put down to a lack of concern being shown for safety by the tour operators. For the third \ ear in succession no one died in a fire, and there was only one swimming-pool fatality.

There is cause for concern, however, over the six deaths caused by falls from balconies. And tour operators whether the Consumers' Association accepts it or not - are worried and are now trying to establish whether there is some kind of pattern to the falls so that the most appropriate form of pressure can be put on hotel owners.

If, for example, the accider were happening to your children, a different ch would be needed than if the deaths were mainly among young men, perhaps acting out a Romeo role.

cerned about safety that they



HARVEY ELLIOTT employ dozens of inspectors

to check hotels. Last year the leading tour operators spent £12 million on safety checks. And that at a time when the top 30 were losing a total of £9.9 million.

I am not simply defending tour operators, some of which I believe are irresponsible in using airlines that have too few planes to be able to ensure reliability, and which are cutting margins — and therefore standards — to the bone to achieve faster growth.

Holidays are supposed to be about fun and enjoyment. And when people are enjoying themselves, you cannot always legislate for their behaviour. When on holiday we tend to take risks we would never take at home. Even so, the 13 deaths by drowning while on package holidays last year compare with 473 deaths by drowning in Britain in the same period.

Is Britain really the paragon of safety the Consumers' Association would have us believe?

Young people are now demanding ever more exciting. adventurous travel, often in wild and untarned parts of the world where concern over rules and regulations is slim indeed. And even the more conservative holidaymaker is heading further afield, away from the standardised European package.

To the Caribbean, India, the Far East, South America and all the other exciting regions of the world which are now opening up, the holidaymaker is unlikely to find absolute conformity to some bureaucratic safety standard.

But the fun and the excitement will be there — without, I hope, some whey-faced worrier from Holiday Which? wailing that unless everyone complies with regulation X, Y and Z, we are all doomed.

Bargains of the week — from 14 nights on a Tuscan wine estate to a trip to Tanzania

HOTELS

GUESTS staying Friday and Saturday nights at the newly refurbished Glasgow Thistle hotel in October and November get the Sunday night free. Rooms cost £75 a night for an executive room and £90 for an executive studio for up to four people. Details: 0141-332 3311.

■ DUKES Hotel in St James's, central London, has a late summer offer until the end of the month of double rooms for £160 a night including VAT and breakfast, instead of the normal rate of £200. Details: 0171-491 4840.

■ HIGHLIFE Breaks has August bank holiday hotel bargains at up to 10 per cent off its normal brochure prices. Details: 0800 700 400.

■ PLUMBER Manor in Dorset is banking on Thomas Hardy being the next "rediscovered" English author. It is offering a "Hardy Heritage" weekend break on October 25-27 for £255 per person based on double occupancy. Details from Pride of Britain: 01264 736604.

ETTINGTON Park, voted the most haunted hotel in Britain by the AA, is hosting a ghost weekend on November 8 with guest speakers and a tour of its ghostly attractions. Costs for two nights in a double/twin room with dinner and admission to nearby Warwick Castle is £225 per person. Details: 01789 450123.

■ LADIES who lunch at the Four Seasons Hotel restaurant on Park Lane from September until the end of the year will be entitled to special services, including an initial 10 per cent discount from Selfridges' Personal Shopping department. Details: 0171-499 0888.

SPECIAL rates at the Conrad International Hurghada on the shores of the Red Sea are £32 per person for double rooms per night and £55 single until the end of September. The rate at the Conrad Barcelona mentioned in last week's column should have been £72 per person per night plus VAT, based on a three-night stay. Details: 0990 445866.

TICKETS to the new £12 million Earth Galleries exhibit at the Natural History Museum are included in a special package at the four-star Chelsea Hotel in London's Knightsbridge from August 26 to 28 inclusive. The price of £99 per room per night includes accommodation for up to two adults and one child, full English breakfast and tickets. Details: 0171-838 9650.

THE Arkona Hotel Voltaire in Potsdam, has a special rate until the end of the year of DM198 (about £84) per room, per night, double occupancy and DM169 (£72) for single. Rates include buffet breakfast and service charge. Details through Prima Hotels: 0800 181 535.

■ THE Movenpick Jolie Ville Hotel in the Red Sea resort of Sharm Ell Sheikh is offering guests with Kuoni Travel a \$20 refund if it rains for more than five consecutive minutes in 24 hours during their holiday (until the end of October). A seven-night stay, including flights, from £499 per person. Details: 01306 743000.



Enjoy the fruits of a two-week self-catering stay in a vineyard in Chianti (see Holidays)

CROSS CHANNEL

SALLY Ferries has introduced a flat rate return fare of £89 on its two routes from Ramsgate to Ostend or Dunkirk. The price covers a car, two adults and up to three children on selected sailings daily. Details: 0345 160000.

STENA Line has introduced daytrips to Dublin for foot passengers on its HSS fast ferry from Holyhead. Fares start at £19 per adult and from £48 for a family ticket — two adults and two children — to include train transfer to Dublin city centre. Details: 0990 707070.

■ SCANDINAVIAN Seaways has a special three-night break leaving Harwich next Tuesday for Gothenburg in Sweden. Prices start at E89 to include one night aboard while in port, a sightseeing tour of the city and breakfasts. Details: 0990 333222.

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THE Executive Club International (annual fee £55) is granting a 10 per cent discount on all published air fares booked and ticketed before August 31. Free membership for the first 20 callers from The Times. Details: 0181-686 0486.

BRYMON Airways has a £99 fare from Plymouth to Paris. Details: 0345 222111.

■ BRITISH Airways Express has £69 summer excursions between Gatwick and Answerp, Amsterdam, Cologne, Dusseldorf and Rotterdam. Details: 0345 222111.

■ DEBONAIR is charging £59 one way for bookings made on its new Luton to Copenhagen service before August 22 for travel during October. Details: 0500 146200.

■ GB Airways has a £229 return fare to three destinations in Morocco: Agadir, Marrakesh and Tangier. Details: 0345 222111. TRAVELMOOD has a cut-price £335 fare to

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■ THERE are plenty of vacancies in France this autumn, too. A shared villa with pool in the Vendée for six people for one week will cost £639 through Connect France: 0181-715 1122.

■ THE Marquess of Northampton is offering a house party weekend at his home, Castle Ashby, from September 20-22. The weekend includes dinner hosted by the marquess and marchioness, clay pigeon shooting and carriage driving. Cost £350. Details: 01604 696696.

A TAILOR-MADE combination of the Greek islands of Santorini, Folegandros and Ios is available through Argo Holidays for £668 per person including flights, transfers and half board accommodation. Details: 0171-331 7070.

WALKERS of only moderate fitness could spend 14 days walking from Funchal to Ribeira Brava and Porto Moniz in Madeira with halfboard accommodation from September 8 with Waymark Holidays. Details: 01753 510477.

■ MEDITERRANEAN Shipping Cruises is offering an II-night "Highlights of Spain and North Africa" cruise on the Monterey departing from Genoa on September 21, October 2 and 13. The price of £864 per person includes flights from Heathrow, full board, transfers and

entertainment, Details: 0171-637 2525.

■ FIRST World War tours to Ypres and Passendale, the Somme. Vimy Ridge and Arras in September and October are available through Galina Battlefield Tours from £99 for three days. Details: 01482 806020.

■ THROUGHOUT November, Worldwide Journeys & Expeditions is offering a Classic Tanzania safari for El,985 per person inclusive of all meals, accommodation, transport, fees and flights. Staying in lodges and luxury tented accommodation, the 12-day trip takes in Arusha, Lake Manyara, the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire national park. Details: 0171-381 8638.

■ SPEND the bank holiday in Peregine Cottage, Ross-on-Wye which featured in the film Shadowlands. It is ideal for fishing and bird-watching. Cost through Blakes Country Cottages is £393 a week. Details: 01282 445 097.

■ THERE are a few spaces left on the August 24 adventure holidays to Austria, including white water rafting, paragliding, trekking, skiing and mountain biking. Three sports will cost £415 and all five £465 with Tall Stories. Details: 01932 252002.

■ AIR Liberté's fare from Gatwick to Bordeaux and Toulouse is now £140 return and no longer £99. In September and October it drops to a minimum of £129 return. Details: 0345 228899.

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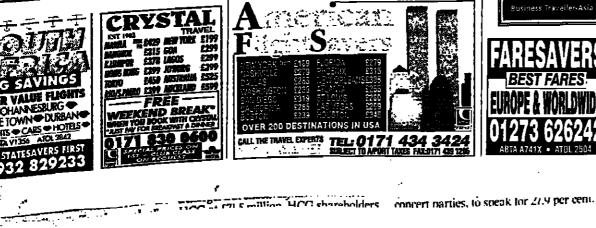
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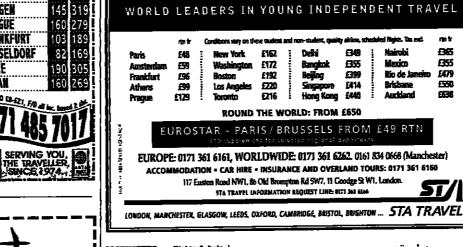
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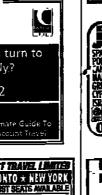


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■ Record A-level pass rates to be announced today will trigger an unprecedented scramble for places at leading universities and increase pressure on the Government to reform the examinations system.

More than half of this autumn's 290,000 higher education places had been filled as admissions tutors coped with the 15th successive rise in A-level grades..... Pages 1, 8, 9

British soldiers wounded in Cyprus

■ Two British soldiers serving with the United Nations force in Cyprus were wounded during renewed clashes between troops from the Turkish-occupied north of the island and Greek Cypriot demonstrators. The two soldiers from 39 Regiment Royal Artillery suffered gunshot wounds while trying to hold back protesters at Dherinia....Page 1

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Guarding the guards

Thousands of private guards face vetting by a special agency under Home Office proposals to clean up the security industry ... Page 2 Rottweiler attack

Two boys told an inquest jury how they watched Rottweiler dogs savage an 11-year-old friend to death. Anthony Pickup, 13, and Mark Farran, 10, said "three big black dogs" tore David Kearney

Parents mourn vicar

The parents of the Rev Christopher Gray, the vicar who was stabbed to death outside his vicarage in Liverpool, spoke movingly of how he had given himself to the ...Page 5

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New pictures of one of Jupiter's moons, Europa, have provided tantalising hints that icy floes on its surface may be floating on slush or even water...... Page 5

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A woman who gave a prize chihuahua a valium tablet shortly before it was due to compete in a top dog show was banned from the Kennel Club for five years. The pill, administered by Carol Brampton, a dog owner from Faversham, Kent, left Chizzy incapable of standing or wagging her tail, the disciplinary committee was told.



The Prince of Wales toasts the Croatian Prime Minister Zlatko Matesa on the island of St Marie during his cruise of the Adriatic

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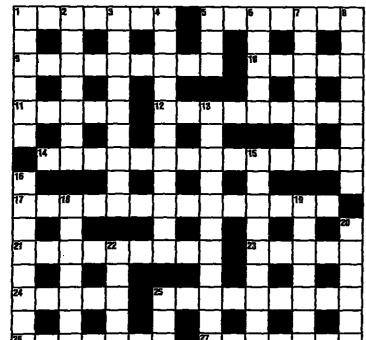
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parts of western Scotland later.

| London, E & W Midlands, Cent □ London, E & W Midlands, Cent N England: patchy drizzle, then dry with sunny spells. Wind light and variable. Max 23C (73F).
□ S E England, E Anglia, E England. low cloud and drizzle slowly clearing, sunny spells developing. Wind mainly northeast, light. Max 22C (72F) but cooler near coasts

Channel Isles, S & N Wales, Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee: early mist, then sunny periods. Wind light and variable, but coastal breezes. Max 22C (72F). 🛘 Isle of Man, Aberdeen, S W, N E Scotland, Glasgow, Cent High-lands, Moray Firth, N Ireland: sunny spells but clouds increasing. Wind south to southwest, light or moderate. Max 22C (72F).

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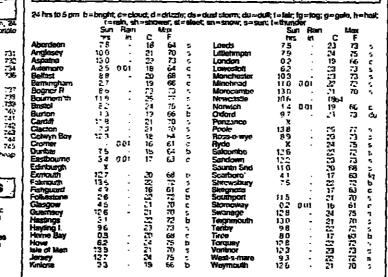
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clouds increasing Wind southerly moderate or fresh. Max 16C (61F).

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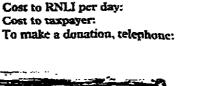


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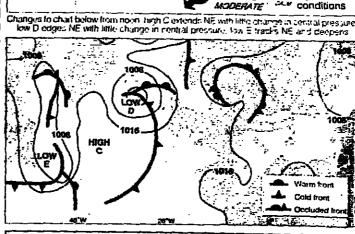
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